DR. PEER PRESCOTT JOHNSON

Boston, July 24, 1956.

To
Dr. P.P. Johnson
Chief of Staff
of
the Beverly Hospital
in
Beverly

Dear Dr. Johnson,

I'm awfully sorry I could not meet you personally just before I finished my training at the Beverly Hospital.

I would like to thank you for the wonderful time I had in Beverly. It was really a great honor to me to have the opportunity to be trained in such a beautiful hospital. It is not only for the tremendous amount of knowledge I've gathered in the short period I was in Beverly, but also for your kindness and hospitality, for which I would like to express my greatest appreciation.

Believe me, Sir, I feel rather lonesome after leaving the Beverly Hospital, because I didn't only leave the work I like, but also friends.

Would you, please send my regards to Mrs. Johnson.

Respectfully yours,

Sjarif Thajeb

(SJARIF THAJEB)

LETTERS

TO

DR. JOHNSON

From the files of:

Board of Directors
Beverly Hospital
Beverly, Massachusetts

February 2, 1916

Mr. Roland W. Boyden, Secretary
60 State Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Roland:-

I am of the opinion if we could get someone to take Duval's place that it would be a good scheme. His gray matter seems never to have entirely set and I am quite sure that he will raise hell with my disposition when he comes to assume the office of House Surgeon. Up to date, I can absolutely rely upon him to do the wrong thing.

It occurs to me, therefore, that it might be well to follow up the letter you had from F. S. Hale, Boston, Massachusetts, and see whether he is available material.

Dr. Shatswell, I believe, is in accord with me.

Sincerely yours,

Peer P. Johnson, M.D.

C O P Y

54 Ingell St
Taunton, Mass

Dear Doctor

I wish to thank you for giving me the opportunity of spending a very pleasant and interesting visit to the Hospital.

There has been many memorials built in honor of great men, but I do not believe there has ever been one built that carries the all time presents of the man that it was built around as the Beverly Hospital.

I feel it a great and honored privilege that I, had the opportunity (under strenuous circumstances) to become acquainted and to know that man.

and to relise my dept of graditude towards him.

Respt Yours
W. G. Mitchell

EDWARD H. RISLEY, M. D.
27 COLLEGE AVENUE
WATERVILLE, MAINE

March 29 1952

TELEPHONE 170
OFFICE HOURS 2 TO 5 P. M.
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Peer P.Johnson M.D.
Beverly Hospital
Beverly Mass.

My Dear Peer;

At the end of the clinical session the other day, I was on the point of rising and expressing my pleasure at what I had seen at your hospital, when you dashed off so quickly that I missed the boat.

I would like to tell you how much I was impressed with your whole hospital set-up and the evidently efficient manner in which all departments were run. I was also impressed with the very high type of surgery being done by your very skillful surgical team . Dr Alt is very evidently a careful and skillful surgeon and the results in the work done by yourself and Tom are outstandingly pleasing. I particularly noted the fine post-operative condition of all the recent operated cases. This in itself is a tribute to the kind of work done by you and your associates. I congratulate you on your team and your set-up.

Cordially,

Edward Risley.

EHR/S

J. ALFRED WILSON, M. D.
WILLIAM C. CAREY, M. D.
JOHN H. HUSS, M. D.
FRANCIS GIUFFRIDA, M. D.
118 COLONY STREET
MERIDEN, CONNECTICUT

January 14, 1948

Peer P. Johnson, M. D.
Beverly Hospital
Beverly, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Following my residency at the Beverly Hospital, I never gave you my idea of its value to me. Perhaps I am better fitted to do so now after nearly a year in the private practice of general surgery.

I can start out by stating that it was definitely the best year of all my postgraduate training. I have found over and over again that the practical problems of general surgery in an industrial community such as this would be difficult for me to solve were it not for the splendid training which you gave me in Beverly. It might be the simple removal of a sliver from a hand (you may remember the case in which I learned my lesson) or it might be the drainage of a subfrenic abscess through the posterior route, but, no matter what the problem, I can always seem to fall back on some bit of information gathered from my training at Beverly.

I would urge any young man like myself starting in general surgery to take a year of training at a hospital like the Beverly Hospital where one is sure to handle surgical problems from the point of view of the general surgeon and not necessarily as a GU man or an Orthopedic man or a Gyn man specifically.

I wish to pay special tribute to your record system for I realize now that one of the most valuable features of the teaching program consists in the study of records of previous cases. The record system at Beverly is unsurpassed as far as I am concerned. The stress which you lay upon the corelation of pathological findings with clinical findings via clinical-pathological conferences for the intern staff raises the value of the residency tremendously.

I feel sure at this time, although I realize it is none of my concern, that limiting the staff of the hospital to a few essential members is much more valuable to the man trying to learn general surgery than the helter-skelter methods of a hospital trying to teach general surgery through a very large staff with each member of that staff having his own system.

In the past nine months I have managed hundreds of surgical cases including several gastrectomies, fractures and gyn cases. Some of these

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patients have been extremely ill. Perhaps the above statements will be best explained by the fact that I have had no mortality excepting one case of a man who died of acute mediastinitis following perforation of the esophagus.

The splendid management of the Anesthesia Department by Doctor Fine and his continued interest in teaching added greatly to the value of a surgical residency.

I shall always be grateful to Beverly Hospital for its part in my training.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours

Frank Giuffrida

Frank Giuffrida, M. D.

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Dr. Camp Stanley Huntington

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BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA

719 Delaware Avenue
Bartlesville, Oklahoma

February 1, 1950

719 Delaware ave
Bartlesville, Okla.
15 Feb '50

Dear Miss Allen,

It was nice to get your letter and hear about the plans for a scrap book for Dr. Johnson. I think it is an excellent idea and know he will love it.

As you see, I have moved considerably since leaving Beverly, about 5 or 6 times (including stints with Uncle Sam)! We moved out to these wide open spaces in June '49 and hunt as I might, I have been unable to find all my snap shots, photo albums etc - that makes me mad because I had snaps of all the boys who interned at Beverly with me in '39 and '40

So, I had my good wife get out her Brownie and snap me which I hope will do, I think I look about the same (in the snap anyway!) So, maybe it won't look too much like an old man! — Feel like one sometimes when all my three offspring get going full bore!

Please give my best to Mr Johnson, whom I shall always remember with great affection — Tough on the outside but solid 14 K. gold inside — Also my best to Mrs Pankhurst, Lorinette Senecal and any others you may see — and my very best wishes to you,

Most Sincerely,

Camp S. Huntington

Enosburg Falls, Vermont
May 12, 1950

Dear Dr. Johnson,

As both you and Dr. Hinman are Vermonters, I would like to acquaint or remind you of a few facts, you hold in common, in this vicinity.

Howard Delmar Hinman was born at West Charleston, Vermont (between Newport and Island Pond)
Graduated from Derby Academy (Derby, Vt.)
Taught school for a short time at Coventry, Vermont.
His pupils included Charlie Branch, who has become a physician of note, and was Pathologist at Beverly Hospital, and whom you know well.
Dr. Hinman graduated from the University of Vermont Medical College, at Burlington in 1913 (cum laude)
Interned at Beverly Hospital 1913-1914
Located for country practice at Enosburg Falls (7 miles from Canadian border)

Peter Prescott Johnson was born in the lovely country village of Wallingford, Vermont, which is about 13 miles south of Rutland.
When 8 years of age, lived with your family for several years at Bakersfield, which is 10 miles south of Enosburg Falls.

Peter Bent Brigham, who endowed the Boston Hospital bearing his name, was born at Bakersfield, and left a large endowment for the erection and maintenance of an academy in his native Bakersfield. If I am correct, after its erection your father Otis Sanbourn Johnson served as its second Headmaster.

It may be of interest to know that Ambassador Warren Austin chairman of the United Nations is among the graduates of Brigham Academy. This school is still in existence, and is a progressive high school in Northern Vermont.

Ten miles east of Enosburg Falls, nestled among surrounding hills, lies the village of Montgomery; I believe the native town of your father's, and your grandfather was a barrister here.

So, as Dr. Hinman drives often daily to Bakersfield or Montgomery, he no doubt passes your home or the home of your grandfather, and the hillside where they lie buried and possibly attends their kin or their neighbors.

Dr. Johnson graduated from the University of Vermont Medical College, at Burlington in 1900 (Cum laude). locating at Beverly, Massachusetts.
You have been loyal to your Alma Mater, returning often for graduations, class reunions, have been Toastmaster or Guest speaker on various occasions, reading papers at our State Medical Society meetings. For a busy surgeon have given generously of your time, by serving two full terms on the Board of Trustees, at the University of Vermont, and now filling a third, the unexpired term for Dr. Charles Branch, having moved to Chicago, where he is Executive Secretary of the American College of Surgeons.

More power to you Dr. Peer!

To reminisce personally I was "scrub nurse" for 196 operations during April, May, June, July and October 1913 and for the greater part of them you were the Surgeon. I prepared everything for these operations, scrubbed, and then cleaned up from them single handed, my only assistance was given by Patrick, who took soiled linen to the laundry and mopped the floors.
You began at that time to do from 5 to 8 operations on Saturdays, "Mayo Style". By the time they were finished the room in Surgery looked as though it "had had it". Although a lot of hard work single handed, long hours I loved it and was thrilled to have even a small part in such a noble work, as you were able to do for mankind.

I wish to thank you once again for the many kindnesses to me. Only the best can be wished for a person grand as you — May happiness and good health be yours and Mrs. Johnsons' to-day and always!

Sincerely yours,

Esther B. Hinman

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December 10, 1953.

Dr. Peer P. Johnson
1 Monument Square
Beverly, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I want to thank you for the very wonderful letter you sent me after my stay with you at Beverly Hospital. I shall always keep this letter and it, along with other memories, will always make me look back to my days under you at the Beverly Hospital with a great deal of pleasure.

My experiences there have had a most important influence on my life and I appreciate all the training that I received. I have told the men here at the Brigham of my experiences and I am sure that all of them are hoping that they may be affiliated with Beverly Hospital sometime during their training career.

Please give my best to Dr. Alt, Dr. Risley and Dr. Bixby, and I shall look forward to visiting you and having a visit from you in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Irving A. Meeker

Irving A. Meeker, Jr., M.D.

DR. HAMMOND J. DUGAN
18 EAST EAGER STREET
BALTIMORE

January 20, 1948

Dr. Peer P. Johnson
Beverly Hospital,
Beverly, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I am sorry that I have been unable to reply to the letter of January 12, recieved from Miss Anna Allen, as I have just returned from my first vacation since returning from the service.

As you well know, the residency at the Union Memorial Hospital, here in Baltimore, where I had my first two years of training, was very similar to that at the Beverly Hospital. They are both of the general surgical type, including Gynecology, Urology and Orthepedics. It seems to me, that this type of training is of greater value to the general surgeon than a residency where the surgery is limited to one specialty. I certainly feel, that the type of surgical patients admitted to the ward were well diversified and gave one the breadth of experience that one wishes in a general surgical residency.

I think, one of the best indications of the clinic interest shown in patients, is the autopsy percentage, which was always exceptionally high, and as I remember, one year, the Beverly Hospital had the fourth highest percentage in the United States. The laboratory facilities, as well as the equipment, were far more than adequate.

I have always felt, not only while I was at the hospital, but since then as well, that the active staff was excellent, and it was a great inspiration to me, to know that the chief of each service was certified by the American Board, in his specialty.

I hope that both you and Mrs. Johnson are well. Please give my regards to Dr. Alt, Jack, Al, and Paul, as well as all the others of my aquaintance while I was there.

Sincerely,

Hammond J. Dugan

Dr. Hammond J. Dugan

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FRANK J. LOGLER, M. D.
42 KAY STREET
NEWPORT, R. I.

TELEPHONE 3344W

January 14, 1948

Dr. Peer P. Johnson
Beverly Hospital
Beverly, Mass.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

[illegible] you are making the surgical residency of the Beverly Hospital evaluated, and I would like to compliment you, as one of the graduates of the residency in the Beverly Hospital, that Beverly. I feel capable of doing this, having been around [illegible] as you know I have.

"I believe that with your system in Beverly, you have much more [illegible] than a residency in one of the mammoth hospitals, [illegible] Beverly takes in all the types of work that are seen by [illegible] surgeon after he [illegible] out [illegible]. I [illegible] oddities and the rare cases, and they, as well as the more common, were very well handled as you have some excellent consulting men on your staff. As for the general surgical work under your direction, I [illegible] surgical set-up." Responsibility and teaching as you have [illegible] both to the resident, seem to be in excellent proportions.

There were several residents going through the Beverly Hospital while I was with you as an assistant, and I can truthfully say that the teaching and material they received were comparable with any residency I have seen.

"I [illegible] your personal [illegible] contact with the residents and with me, and I am still leaning [illegible] of surgery that you gave me." Many times since leaving have I quoted you and a method of yours.

I am [illegible] an intelligent approach, and [illegible] using the standards I learned at Beverly in this effort.

Sincerely yours,

Frank J. Logler M.D.

Frank J. Logler, M. D.

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BEVERLY HOSPITAL
BEVERLY, MASSACHUSETTS

Dr. P. P. Johnson
Chief of Staff
Beverly Hospital
Beverly. Mass.

December 16, 1949

Dear Doctor Johnson:

You may have realized my difficulty in telling you about my plans for next year - since words do not come easily to me.

I know I have failed to convey how deeply grateful I am to have had the opportunity to spend a year with you. Leaving the Beverly Hospital will be a physical separation only since, wherever I go into the future, the respect and admiration I feel for your wisdom as a man and your skill as a surgeon shall remain a lasting part of me.

Through you the Beverly Hospital has been a mentally rewarding experience and I am frank to say, in all humility, that it will never be surpassed. Your teaching and guidance of young men like myself make an indelible impression and, believe me, I definitely feel favored to be under your tutelage.

I pray that, through future performance, I may maintain your high standards and be a credit to the roster of men privileged to begin their professional career with you at the Beverly Hospital.

With sincerest gratitude

V. Perlow

VICTOR PERLOW M.D.

March 25, 1946

Dear Doctor Johnson,

It was not through neglect that I failed to write you before this, I purposely delayed, in the hope I could tell you where the army was going to send me. We have been vacationing and visiting at our respective homes now for the past three weeks.

On my arrival in Omaha I had a wire from 1st Service Command which had come via Beverly, and requested I report in Boston for my physical March 1. Of course that was impossible, so I wired for permission to take the exam at Omaha, and that was granted. Since then I have heard no more from the army.

Our trip home was uneventful as far as mishaps were concerned, but rather tedious in spots. The first day of driving was bad with light snow, rain, and slippery roads most of the way. After leaving on Friday we were in Omaha on Monday afternoon.

I have visited a few of the hospitals that I was acquainted at in my spare time. Apparently they are beset with the

same wartime problems that you have encountered. Shortage of nurses, domestic help, and a rapidly changing house staff has been the bulk of their troubles. Most of the fellows in my class are still around, but being rapidly replaced by veterans. I might add, although its a bit unloyal to my fellow middle-westerners, none of the hospitals seemed to be as efficient as those I had contact with in the east.

Even in these three weeks I miss Beverly Hospital, and the opportunity of working with you. I'm sure, no matter how much further training I might have, that my nine months with you will be the most profitable in my experience.

If these letters don't bore you too much, I'll try and write occasionally to let you know how the army is treating me. Mrs. Coe joins me in sending our best regards to you and the rest of the staff.

Sincerely,

John D. Coe

HARTFORD HOSPITAL OLD PEOPLES HOME AVERY CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL

HARTFORD HOSPITAL

WILMAR M. ALLEN, M.D.
DIRECTOR

HARTFORD 15, CONN.

Sept. 15, 1950

Dear Dr. Johnson,

For about three months now I have meant to drop you a line to thank you for all you did to make my year at Beverly a most pleasant one

Last Friday I happened to be in Beverly, and was told that you were not feeling quite up to par. I can imagine how sad you must have been to have to abbreviate your sailing trip. Saturday morning Dr. all told me you were quite comfortable, and that the only thing that really bothered you was the fact that Dr. Parkhurst advised a little bed rest. I certainly hope you are feeling a good deal better by now and that you have discovered some bed rest is good for everyone.

It was certainly wonderful to see the Beverly hospital once again and to renew many acquaintances. Jack & Al Sewall were away on a fishing trip so I was unable to see either of them. The facilities at Beverly are simply out of this world. I have been here at the Hartford Hospital for 3 months now. They tell

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DIRECTOR

HARTFORD 15, CONN.

me the place is a 15 million dollar establishment, and I have yet to see any improvements upon the Beverly hospital. After spending a year at Beverly one can only leave the place with a very proud feeling way down deep inside. I shall always keep a very close relationship with the hospital and its staff no matter where my chosen specialty takes me."

Once again I should like to thank you ever so much for all you did for me. I hope you have been a good patient, and have let yourself be written on instead of your waiting on everybody.

Best Wishes
Lefty

Dr. Clarence LaFortune
(Resident in Anesthesia 1949)

669 Belmont St.,
Belmont, Mass.

March 26, 1952

Dear "Chief",

I've meant to write you for some time to convey to you an impression, at least, of my appreciation for my recent association with you and Beverly. As usual with my letter-writing, I have procrastinated. However, this happy thing since I've seen you has given me a better perspective from which to view the past.

I certainly wouldn't give you any of the "credit" for having me come to Beverly, since I'm sure the arrangement was made with little satisfaction to you! However, my own wonderful experience there was due in large measure to my association with you.

Details would bore you, but my impression of Beverly leaves me with the feeling that my time there was the brightest "drop" in the "bucket" of my board training as constructed by your association of members! The

with your "one stroke" method!

Many thanks, anyway, Chief. I hope we may see you often. As soon as the frame is painted one entire wall of our new room will be occupied by the picture Clyde made of you. There won't be any room for more! We certainly won't be able to forget you!

Now back to my service with the eight "old crocks"!

Gratefully and respectfully yours,

Carl

(The Brigham Experiment!)

July 21, 1938.

Dr. Peer P. Johnson,
Beverly, Mass.

Dear Peer:

Because you are such a famous doctor I felt I had to have some formality about this.

A class-mate of mine was in your hospital last month, and because of a remarkable letter

give you medical opinion of what happened.

After an absence of nine years - since Anne Woodbury's death - I was back in Bulington this summer for two weeks. I saw many of my old friends, and caught up on all the things that have happened in the last nine years.

There was a north breeze most of the time I was there and the mountains were wonderful. I still think that the Winooski Valley and Burlington are the loveliest places in the country.

I have just retired from teaching, and am free to do as I please, with a few restrictions - monetary.

The Sunday I was in Burlington I went to the

from her, which is going around the class. I felt I wanted to get from opinion of the cure, as from one a man of science.

It was Mrs. Kate Sanborne, and her cure from some kind of growth by the means of prayer, as she claims. I am not asking you to discuss a patient, but just give

FIFTEEN-TWENTY FOURTH STREET - CHARLESTON - ILLINOIS

First-church, but never again. The pews were peopled with ghosts for me.

I was sorry for and Mrs Johnson were not able to come to Mrs. White's for dinner while I was there.

I know you are a busy man, but I hope you can send me at least a line about Mrs Sanborne's case.

Sincerely Yours.
Anna Johnson.

MRS. K. D. CHENEY
THE LAMBERT HOMESTEAD
ROWLEY, MASSACHUSETTS
TEL. ROWLEY 16

Sept. 14 14/1938

My dear Dr Johnson

Some day before long I will be over to show you the good result from your skilful care, in the mean time let me thank you for all that you have done for me. You made a painful experience easy to bear, and from my heart I thank you for the understanding way you bore with my badly shaken nerves as well as for the masterly way you have eased my arm back to usefulness. Thank you

for all. I assure you it is a great comfort to me to know I have you to turn to when, if ever, I come in contact with a broken bone again!

Cordially and gratefully,

Ruth Lambert Cheney.

16 Hay Road
Newton Centre, Mass.
November 27, 1949

Peer P. Johnson, M.D.
Chief of Staff
Beverly Hospital
Beverly, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Johnson:

This letter will confirm our conversation of Sunday, November 20th.

Since leaving the Beverly Hospital I have become aware of the fact that I received a very good training, and I desire to express my thanks to you and to all the members of the Staff for their contributions to my medical training. Not only did I find them of great assistance professionally but also in personal matters. I shall never forget how all those associated with the Beverly Hospital helped me to adjust to personal disappointments.

As you requested, I shall send you soon a copy of my notes taken at the lecture by Dr. Chester Jones concerning nutritional aspects following bowel surgery.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel J. Shea Jr. M.D.

Daniel J. Shea, Jr., M.D.

Clarke T. Case, M. D.
1726 Summit Street
Columbus 1, Ohio

April 24, 1950

Dr. Peer P. Johnson
Beverly Hospital
Beverly, Massachusetts

Dear Doctor Johnson:

May I thank you for your kindness in showing me about the Beverly Hospital last Monday, April 17. I appreciate your taking so much time out from your busy schedule to show me all aspects of the activities of the hospital.

"I was very much impressed by all that I saw. After visiting a variety of hospitals in various New England communities this past week, the Beverly Hospital stands out as a leader in professional excellence towering head and shoulders in its standards above the rest. I think the high standards of the hospital are a lasting tribute to your diligent efforts over the past years."

Of all the surgical opportunities that I saw this past week, certainly working with the Beverly Hospital group appealed to me most. You approach and perform surgery the way that I like to approach and perform it. Your men think about things the way that I have learned to think about them. I found a professional congeniality in Beverly that was not approached elsewhere. I should certainly be most happy if things should work out so that I could become a working part of your group for I feel that I could be happy there for many years.

I hope that you will keep me abreast of developments in the surgical situation at Beverly. I do not want to accept any other surgical opportunity if there is the possibility that there might be an opening for me with the Beverly Hospital group.

I hope that the Spring we found on our return to Ohio will be bursting out all over the New England countryside these next few days.

Sincerely yours,

Clarke T. Case

Clarke T. Case, M. D.

DOCTEUR JULES KELLER

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September 15th, 1949

Dr. P. Johnson,
Beverly General Hospital,
Beverly, Mass.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

It is with great pleasure that I am sending you these few lines to thank you sincerely for your hospitality shown to me during my visit to your hospital. My great admiration went, not only to your able and skillful men, but also to your beautiful and remarkable Institution which you can be proud of. I will be very happy to play host to you in Montreal, which I hope will be soon.

Confraternellement,

Dr. Jules Keller.

Jules Keller
MD

Dr.JK/LM

DR. EDUARDO AZUOLA

51 Mt. Alvernia Rd.,
Chestnut Hill 67, Mass.,
June 3d, 1949

Mi querido amigo Dr. Johnson:

Le envío estas líneas para saludarle y recordarle no se olvide del certificado de que no tengo enfermedades contagiosas, pues los Cónsules de algunos países Latino Americanos exigen tal requisito antes de firmar el pasaporte.

Mil gracias por este nuevo favor.

Su afmo. amigo y S.S.

Eduardo

Feb. 22nd
1906

98 Beacon Street.

Dear Dr Johnson —

I almost hesitate to send this letter, fearing to offend, and yet, if you could know the spirit which has prompted me to write it, I don't think you would be offended —

I know you should, upon your recovery from this

I feel as if I knew you well altho' we have not met very often, & believe you will not think of me as a stranger —

I am besides, always interested in the welfare of the Young family because of my affection for the Dr. This is, however, a mere affair but — yours & mine — I feel a hope that you will look upon my little plan as simply as I propose it — If you knew the

Serious operation, go away from Beverly & have a long rest & change, free from cares of any kind & from trouble by the fear that you may not be willing to take this rest because of financial reasons. You have had the will as well as the opportunity of doing for the sick poor of Beverly what most of us are not able to do beyond good health is of real importance apart from any personal considerations. May I venture to hope, therefore, that for the sake of our hospital & your poor patients, that you will accept from me the enclosed to use for a sea or land trip or in any way which will give you the vacation that I am sure you should have?

help & confidence that I have felt since you came to work with us in the hospital you would understand something of my gratitude to you — and may I add, my sincere respect —

Sincerely yrs

Ellen R. Pickman.

May 30th 1935

BEDFORD
MASSACHUSETTS

Dear Dr Irvin — In answer to your letter to my mother, I am writing from us both to say we should be always glad of an opportunity to do work for Dr Johnson —

I am, I believe, the only living member of the original board of Directors, & none knows better what we owe to Dr Johnson for his skill & devotion to our Hospital — I only say that

The ~~Cross~~ Committee in charge of your plan will be sure that the portrait will be done by a really fine artist - even if the expense seems great!

Sincerely yrs

Ellen Pickman -

(Mrs Dudley L. Pickman Senior)

It seems to me that your letter was meant to go to my son & present Director - Dudley L. Pickman V. Bowley -

WILLIAM ENDICOTT
111 DEVONSHIRE ST.
BOSTON, MASS.

January 24th, 1936.

Dear Dr. Johnson:-

May I take the liberty of congratulating you on the wonderful news that I have read in the paper in regard to Miss Hunt's will? I am overjoyed that you are to receive the two legacies. I know of no man who deserves this good fortune more than you do, and I am just as pleased as I can be about it. Your friends, and they are legion, will all feel the same way.

Also, it is wonderful that the hospital is to come in for such a liberal bequest. I can't help thinking how pleased Dr. Torrey and my father would have been.

With kindest regards, and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

William Endicott

Dr. Peer P. Johnson,
163 Cabot Street,
Beverly, Mass.

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January 25, 1938.

Dr. P.P. Johnson,
Beverly, Massachusetts.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

In response to the request of Mr. George Mixter, we are happy to enclose letters of introduction to our Managers in Lima and La Paz and hope that they will tend to make your trip to Peru and Bolivia very pleasant.

In addition, as requested by Mr. Mixter, we are bringing your name to the attention of the Captain of the S.S. "Santa Clara" to insure your having an enjoyable trip.

Hoping that you have a pleasant voyage to South America, I am

Very truly yours,

A. Garcia
W.R. Grace

Encl.

WILLIAM T. HOPKINS, M.D.
~~7 ATLANTIC STREET,~~
LYNN, MASS.
1 Ocean Terrace.

August 26, 1941.

Dear Dr. Johnson,

The Beverly Hospital was so kind as to send me an invitation to the opening of its recent addition on the 23rd inst.

Much to my regret I felt physically unequal to the effort but I do appreciate the courtesy of the invitation.

For many years I have thought well of your hospital and am pleased that its usefulness is to be increased.

The community is to be congratulated upon the wise and liberal policy of your Trustees and both community and "Trustees are to be congratulated upon finding a man of so great skill and and genius to furnish the inspiration and ~~and~~ direction of the activities of the institution as reside in your own person"

You and your hospital have my continued good wishes for long continued success.

Sincerely yours,

Wm T. Hopkins.

CLEMENT K. HEBERLE, M. D.
61 MIDDLE STREET
GLOUCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

June 15,1942

Dr Peer Johnson.
Beverly Hospital.
Beverly,Mass.

Dear Doctor;

I thought you might be interested to know that all the patients I have referred to you for surgery have been loud in their praises of you and the services offered by Beverly Hospital. This is always gratifying to me,so thought I would pass the good word along to you with my own appreciation-

With continued best wishes-

Sincerely,

Clement K. Heberle

February 11, '43

Beverly Farms, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Peer:

For years I have boasted far and wide of the wonders of our Beverly Hospital, of its complete equipment, both material and personnel. But my recent "visit" was the first time I have ever been a customer. I felt me drawn to write you at the earliest moment my admiration for the Beverly Hospital as a working organization. What impressed me so much was the marvelous "esprit" which permeates every corner. As crowded for time as every one is, as short-handed,

The same cheerful atmosphere always prevailed, from the Head right down through. Money can, and has, bought equipment, but it cannot buy this. More power to you, your staff, and all the other hard-working souls who do so much for us all.

Sincerely

Peter Sortwell

Abril 16, 1944

Mi distinguida Señora Newman,

No sabe cuánto le agradezco la atención que Ud. tuvo en pensar en mí para bailar en el Esplanade Club.

Tanto la Señora Azuola como yo, sentimos no haberla visto la noche del jueves.

El vestido quedó muy bonito y yo le estoy muy agradecida por su atención en regalármelo.

Créame Señora, que me parece un sueño tener un vestido de rumba tan bonito y que siempre cuando me lo ponga pensaré en la Señora Newman tan bondadosa que me dió esta felicidad.

Ya sabe que en cualquier ocasión en que yo pueda ayudarla lo haré con mucho gusto.

Dándole las más expresivas gracias, me despido, su atenta y segura servidora,

Margarita Silverio

DR. WILLIAM R. P. EMERSON
290 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE
BOSTON 15, MASS.

October 2 1945

Dear ~~Dr. Johnson:~~ Peer

I am sure you get a lot of credit for your work which you richly deserve. However, here is a bit more that I am sure is real - and I hope it will do you no harm. It is from Dr. Golden in regard to getting his job with Dr. Cragin of the Aetna Company. I quote the following in a letter from him.

"It is always especially good to hear news of Dr. Johnson. If ever a man deserved citation for 'service above and beyond the call of duty' it is he. He has the utmost admiration, respect and real affection of those of us who were his students - and now his associates. I always experience a feeling of real pride to say I know - and have worked with him."

I hoped to see you again before I left Magnolia but the hotel closed early and both Mrs. Emerson and I were sorry not to get word from you and Mrs. Johnson as to when it would be convenient for you to come and have dinner with us. I know how busy you are and I expect you have had to figure pretty closely on how much you can do.

I was pretty busy at the Oceanside and the Jewish persuasion has succeeded quite successfully in putting the hotel on the bum. Their clientele dropped from two hundred to one hundred and fifty by mid-August and to about one hundred when it closed early, the day after Labor Day. They seem to be in a quandry about what to do next.

With best regards
Sincerely yours

Bill.

Dr. Peer P. Johnson

12 June 1944

Dear Dr Johnson,

Thank you very much for your kind letter and all it contained. It gives one considerable confidence to realize somebody such as yourself is able to see clearly the problems in Gloucester. Your influence has been of great value in what improvements have been made there and especially in the great improvements which still must come. I have always firmly believed that as a result of your work the Beverly Hospital maybe and is held up as a splendid example of what a community hospital can and should be. To my mind the problem of community medicine and hospitals is not well understood nor appreciated by many leaders and teachers in the profession in the Medical Schools and large centers. Having never seen their problems at first hand they can not realize what a fine piece of work you have done in leading the work in American community hospitals. Actually

of course your work is applauded widely, but the tremendous significance of it still can not be appreciated by those never facing your problems of past years

Certainly in Gloucester we have a long way to go - but the opportunity to hold Beverly up as an example has been of tremendous value - at least to the trustees. My hope is that we can encourage the right kind of young medical men and discourage the also-rans from coming to Gloucester for a few years - so that with such a transfusion of new blood, departments can be built up, and the other members of the staff will have to fall in line in the running of a proper hospital and the practice of modern medicine.

Thank you again, Sir, for present and all past courtesies. With kindest regards and all best wishes for good health

Sincerely,

William Babson

Camp B[illegible]uset
Centre Harbor, N.H.
1947

Dear Dr. Johnson,

This is an ideal spot in which to rest and relax and that is just what I am doing. Am feeling quite like my old self again.

I am writing to tell you how much I appreciate what you did for me. I cannot thank you enough for your medical care; your decision to operate (which stunned me at the time) and your great surgery. Dr. Davis said that it was a difficult operation, and I do not like to think how I might have fared in less skillful hands. He also said that it was "some stunt" for Dr. Fine. Please extend to him a very big thank-you. Again, a thousand times thank-you!

Gratefully yours
Mrs. (Stephen R.) Annie H. Davis

P.S. Will you let me know when it is convenient to see you. Come to think of it, you told me to drop in for a check-up some day, which I will do when I return.

American College of Surgeons
FOUNDED BY SURGEONS OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA, 1913
40 EAST ERIE STREET
CHICAGO 11, ILLINOIS

I do wish that there was some way I could help you bear some of your terrific load. Thank God you are a giant in strength, a tower of wisdom, and a rock of patience. But even these fine attributes must sometimes seem quite puny and insufficient in the face of all you have to bear.

Please extend my sincere sympathy and very best wishes to Mrs. Johnson. She is such a completely lovely lady and has taken such thoughtful care of many of your protegees and assistants. I shall never forget her many kindnesses to one little Charlie Branch from the country.

Sincerely,

Charlie

CFB/dk
Dictated January 26, 1949.

OFFICERS MESS
SMOKY HILL ARMY AIR FIELD
SALINA, KANSAS

January 15, 1948

Dr. Peer P. Johnson
Beverly Hospital
Beverly, Mass.

Dear Doctor Johnson,

I should like to give you my opinion of the surgical training I received at Beverly Hospital while I served as assistant resident in surgery between July 1945 and April 1946.

The hospital admissions, as I remember, consisted of approximately seventy percent private cases and thirty percent service cases. The assistant resident had the opportunity of scrubbing on all private cases as first assistant which provided valuable experience in surgical technique. He also was responsible for all clinical records on the private cases, and was responsible for their pre and post-operative care under the direction of the visiting staff.

In addition he was allowed to do surgical procedures such as appendectomies, repair hernias, and lesser surgical procedures under the direction of the resident. He also shared responsibilities, under the direction of the resident, for the care of the service cases.

In addition to the supervised care of the patients an active academic program was carried out with monthly staff meetings to present and discuss cases of current interest. There was a high percentage of autopsy on the hospital deaths, and the house staff were encouraged to be present. The pathologist carried out weekly lectures discussing particular problems in that field, and the relation of that field to clinical medicine and surgery.

The clinical records kept at the hospital deserve special note, in that they were the most complete I have ever seen. They compared very favorably to records in the two teaching hospitals I had been at previously.

I felt my time at Beverly was well spent, and that I left the hospital better prepared to continue my surgical training, than I had been before.

Sincerely,

John D. Coe

Capt. John D. Coe, 01764816
301st Sta. Med. Grp.
SHAF Salina. Kansas

Two Fifteen Watkins Road
Belleair, Florida.

June 24th. 1949.

Peer Johnson, M.D.

Beverly Hospital.

Beverly, Massachusetts.

Dear Peer:-

Your letter came from the Hospital to-day with the news that the Board of Directors had canceled Harry's Hospital bill. To say the least, I am overcome at the news and we appreciate,more than you can ever know, their kindness and consideration. I still think that it is more than they should have done as it is quite impossible for one man to have done so much for a Hospital as to deserve it. Please extend my sincere thanks to the Board for their kindness and consideration I only hope I can return it in part some day.

Harry was certainly benefited by the operation you so skillfully performed on him. He is in no pain and apart from the weakness in his legs,is about as well as he has been since the stroke(seventeen months today)

As for enjoying life, I doubt that he has done that for many years except when he could work and that is a thing of the past. He eats very well and is as comfortable as we have any right to expect.

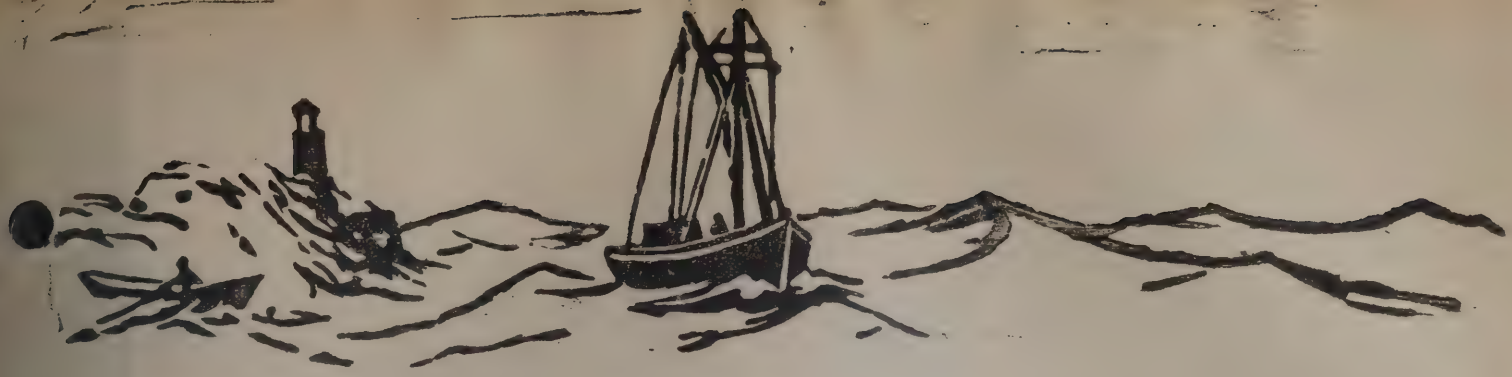
I will drop you a line now and then to keep you posted as to his condition.

Of course I can not thank you Peer for all you have done and do not think for a moment that I do not see the hand of Peer Johnson in all this.

Yours most sincerely,

Maud Germain

Maud Germain.



November —
Something or other
1948

Dr. Johnson;

Dear Doctor, —

Thank U so much for Dere good letter of appreciation for the marine; and I'm glad U kno that the others like it — hope we don't become too puffed up over it!! —

Just at this moment, we are at our old ranch in Deerfield, N. H. and wish all of U good fellas at the Beverly Rest Home could take a little time off with us, — to toast up a bit in front of this fire place, which is beating central heat all hollow. Of course, to make it perfect, we should have it one of those drizzly days, a Sears Roebuck Catalogue — some pop corn — — — AND — a pitcher of good cider, — I'd promise not to growl for a half hour at least. —

Bay howdy! had U been just off Rockport on one of those days last week, U would have had a darn good time — I guess — there was a wonderful sailing breeze and enough sea running so that U'd have not gone to sleep at the wheel; and perhaps not in Aire brook — It was one of those times when we got in the lee of a good solid rock & take darn good care to have a something-or-other handy to hang on to.!

Doggone it — it looks as if the "Old Barnicle" is gettin' nearer & nearer to the time when he'll be excused from reporting to Dr. Todd; however when he said — "Once a year" — he was — as always — good to me & said he'd be glad to have me drop in whenever I felt like it; which same I shall always be glad to do. A good place

We drop in at, - and it is very gratifying to feel so sure of a safe harbor We recommend to any one in need of good "holding ground" - these places where one wonders what in helsinky the matter is that the hook isn't taking hold —— and upon hauling it up, finds a nest of old oilspins wrapped around it, aren't so good.

Now then - We'll be in need of a rest. I'll quit & be off to the wood pile; the gas pressure will go down in our range if it isn't looked after! -

May I tell U - Take good care of Yourself —— & You don't I know of some who will —

Our best regards to all hands who have been so kind to me - I shall surely be in to see Ye before we take off for the Desert - Good luck to Yie fishin.

Am feeling fine & Yammering.

The bike doesn't push too hard - Not down hill!

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT
AND STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
BURLINGTON, VERMONT

Office of the President

June 27, 1949

Dr. Peer P. Johnson
15 Washington St.
Beverly, Mass.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I was delighted to have a note from Jack Wright saying that you have accepted election to the Board of Trustees to serve out Dr. Branch's term. I cannot think of anything which would please me more than to have you back on the Board and to know that the University will again have the benefit of your wisdom and great good sense. My regret is that I shall see you only at the August meeting, but it will be reassuring to know that my successor will have the association with you.

Cordially yours,

John S. Millis

John S. Millis
President

HENRY P. McKEAN

BEVERLY FARMS, MASS.

P.P.J. Thought you would like to read this. W came today enclosing $1,000. F.A.

Frederick My Boy.

Just another so I can tell any Community Dirt Bastard that comes around here that I have done as much as I think I should for everything in Beverly that I think one in Wenham should.

While I dont doubt the sincerity of Police, Firemen, Bathing Pavilions, Church (what have yours) or anything else I am somewhat stubborn when it comes to giving —

I hope the inclosed will not be regarded as other than my sincere attempt to do what I can for what I believe to be the fundamentally best asset of this locality. You are largely to blame for my sentiment in this connection and that utter Rascal who once rode down here on horse — back during a very good

Snow storm to cut my throat in my attic is perhaps as responsible as too as shall we say Jo Jon.

Pus is a pretty tough egg — but he sure tells the truth and what more can anyone ask.

I'll come to your shop any day for anything but you wont see me I guess for some time —

Will be good

As ever

Stuart

Sept 12 1949

Dr F. F. Johnson
Chief Surgeon
Beverly Hospital.

Dear Doctor.

When a person is sick then they are most susceptible to the influences surrounding them. In my case I have been so favorably impressed by the way this Hospital is operated that I want to put it down on paper.

Every nurse is cordial and seems to be happy and contented to be with this Hospital and that happiness radiates to the patients.

Another reason I like it is because it is so homey. Everyone is so courteous and thoughtful and efficient.

To sum it up in a few words in my opinion it is tops and I have been a patient in other hospitals so can judge. I sincerely hope that you will always be able to maintain its present standard.

Sincerely Yours
Leonard B Pickering

Norwood Hospital

NORWOOD—MASSACHUSETTS

November 15, 1949

Peer P. Johnson, M.D.
Beverly Hospital
Beverly, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Johnson:

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in personally conducting Mr. Robinson and the writer through your Hospital recently.

"It was evident at every turn that through the years, the Beverly Hospital has been built up to a high level of efficiency. Despite its size, it is obviously rendering the citizens of Beverly and surrounding territory the same service as any first class hospital in Boston."

Although the Norwood Hospital has little to offer in comparison, should you be able to find time from your busy schedule, we would be most happy to have you visit the Norwood Hospital at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

NORWOOD HOSPITAL

Charles A. Richardson

Charles A. Richardson
Administrator

CAR/s
cc: Mr. Robinson

November 2, 1949
Wednesday —

Dear Dr. Johnson,

During the week ending October 26 I was confined in the Beverly Hospital maternity ward following the delivery of my son. It is now my wish to compliment you and the hospital on making my stay there so pleasant. It was really a vacation and a rest. My baby received such obviously excellent care, second only to that given to me. The nursing personnel on duty in this ward can not be matched in my experience.

I am a comparative stranger in this vicinity, but, although the girl who shared

the semi-private room I occupied was known to a number of the nurses, they are equally thoughtful of my comfort. The room, corridors, and baths were immaculate and the meals were a delight to anticipate after the marking of each menu.

I should like to include two particular commendations: first, a student nurse named Nico Rusoff who, I believe, will make an unusually fine nurse. She combines efficiency with a sparkling personality that makes association with her most pleasant. I regret that I do not know the sir name of a nursery attendant on duty from 11:30 PM to 7:00 AM whose first name is Mary. She was so very sweet to my baby and to me.

This letter is little of superlatives, but it does express my appreciation for so pleasant a stay.

Thank you for your kindness.

Compliment.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Baron P. Mayer

Beverly, Mass.

March 21, 1950

Dr. Peer Johnson
Beverly Hospital
Beverly, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Johnson:-

I want you to know that I deeply appreciate your medical skill and thoughtful consideration given to me during my recent visit to the Beverly hospital. Now that I have returned home and to normal pursuits, I have a deep sense of gratitude to you and others at the Beverly hospital for the splendid care and treatment given to me.

With great respect for your medical services which have been rendered through the years in Beverly and are still being rendered, I am

Very sincerely yours

Curtis H. Gunther

Beverly Mass.
April 10th 1950.

Dr Peer P.Johnson
Beverly Mass.
Dear Doctor ;

Re- Hernia operation- Ballard

I wonder if you and your staff gave me undue praise after my first operation. Someone gave me the impression that I was a good soldier and a glutton for punishment , upon the strength of which I decided to take on the second job.

I am much disappointed with myself at the fuss I made over a little pain following the hernia operation. Perhaps the job turned out a little unusual or perhaps I did not wait long enough after the first operation before taking on the last one .

I believe that you will be pleased to know that everything is working out fine and that I am tremendously happy that I took advantage of your expert skill while you are still in the prime of your life .

Case review-	Operation	March 24th
	Leftt hospital	April 2nd
Acute pain began to give way to intermittent needle-prick pains--------		April 5th
Practically free from pain --------		April 8th

I wish to thank you and your assistants for your service . I will hope to call on you this week.

Yours very truly ,

Milton H. Ballard.

20 Pierce Avenue.

COPY

June 6, 1950

"To Members of the Alumni Association
College of Medicine
University of Vermont

I regret my inability to greet you in person. The necessity for me to attend the Commencement Exercises of my own college has prevented my being present for the Alumni banquet.

I wish to report that the College of Medicine is doing its utmost to live up to the best of Vermont traditions. I also want to tell you that the senior Class of 1950 is a group of well-trained doctors, of whom we can justly be proud. Its members will represent the College of Medicine in a most creditable manner.

At this time I am pleased to pay tribute in particular to three of our Alumni: Oliver Newell Eastman, Clarence Henry Beecher and Peer Prescott Johnson. Each has made a contribution to the University and to the College of Medicine. Each has been very successful in the practice of medicine. Each has helped educate and has been an inspiration to students in the various stages of their preparation for the practice of medicine. The College of Medicine takes great pride in all of these men."

The reference to Dr. Johnson is as follows:

"Dr. Johnson has brought distinction upon himself and the College of Medicine by outstanding work as a surgeon, by building up a unique medical center in the Boston area, and by developing competent younger men in medicine and surgery. Many of our alumni have been his students and have profited by their services under him.

This year the Beverly Hospital very fittingly commemorated Dr. Johnson's 50th year in medicine by instituting the "Annual Peer P. Johnson Lecture in Surgery." Dr. Charles G. Mixter of Boston, an old friend of Dr. Johnson, was the first to give this lecture. Many prominent men in the field of medicine in New England and a large number of Dr. Johnson's former house staff were present to do him honor.

It is hardly fitting to close without paying tribute to Dr. Johnson as a Trustee of the University of Vermont. His interest in the University, his advice on medical policies and his support of the expansion of the College of Medicine have been largely responsible for the clear understanding by the Board of Trustees and the University Administration of the necessity for progressive changes."

Sincerely,

B.

W. E. Brown, M.D.
Dean

Dr. Peer P. Johnson
15 Washington Street
Beverly, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Your absence from the meeting of the Board of Directors, held this evening, was noted with regret, for the Directors - individually and collectively - were eager to offer congratulations to you on the occasion of your Seventy-Fifth Birthday.

Although the Directors do not feel that ours is a one-man hospital in the accepted usage of that phrase, we do feel that in every sense of the word it is <u>your</u> hospital. To Dr. Torrey, of course, goes the credit for establishing the Beverly Hospital and ably guiding it through its early years, but it has been under your leadership that it has attained its present stature. Your far-sightedness, your capacity for sustained work, and your uncompromising adherence to the highest standards of ethics and conduct have earned for you the unqualified admiration of those who have worked with you and for you during the years, and have inspired countless younger doctors with the desire to emulate you.

The Directors feel that this, your Seventy-Fifth Birthday, is an appropriate occasion on which to try to express to you our gratitude for all you have done and are doing not only for the Hospital but for this entire area, and to voice the hope that this state of affairs will continue for many years to come.

Yours most sincerely,

John W. Bethell
Secretary

21 August 1950

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Thank you for taking care of my son Tom and getting the huge stone away from him. I don't think he needed it any longer!

There are just the two of us at home and since his father died four years ago, he has tried to assume his responsibilities. Sometimes I am sorry for him that he has these extra duties. He doesn't seem to mind and is very kind to me.

May God bless and keep you and make your wonderful hands strong and skillful for many years to come.

Gratefully yours
Elizabeth A. Conally

5 Pickett Street. Mar. 30, '50

Felices Pascuas
Bueno Año Nuevo

Feliz Natal
e prosperidade no
Novo Ano

Buon Natale
Felice Anno Nuovo

Fröhliche Weihnachten
und ein
Glückliches Neues Jahr

Gjeun Kristmaskon
og
Farsælan Nýjaársins

Boas Festas

Joyeux Noël
Bonne Nouvelle Année

Merry Christmas
And Happy New-Year

RIO DE JANEIRO
- BRASIL -

MRS. JOHN J. CONNOLLY

Rio de Janeiro, Dec/13/956

Dear Dr Johnson:

My best wishes and happy New Year to the great surgeon, from your Intern Paschoal Torres. I will have forever the obligation to thank you and the staff doctors for what you have done for me.

I would like to transmite my best regards and happy New Year to Dr R. Aft; Dr Frank Bixby; Dr Risley; Dr J. Fine; Miss Bailey; Miss Anna Allen and all Record Room Girl's. Paschoal Torres

Central Maine General Hospital

LEWISTON, MAINE

October 28, 1953

Dr. Peer P. Johnson
15 Washington Street
Beverly, Massachusetts

Dear Peer:

Your delightful letter of October 19th was just as much a surprise and just as delightful as your party and I can't begin to thank you enough for your pleasant and stimulating comments.

Please rest assured that my attendance at Myopia was in no way an "effort" and as usual, turned out to be one of those completely delightful experiences that Fred is so apt at engineering. "Much as I should have liked to, I fully realize that you could spend very little time talking with me personally and how you distribute yourself so evenly among your following to the complete satisfaction of all is one of those tricks I am afraid most of us will never learn. It is perhaps unfortunate but not entirely unexpected that all that was said there scarcely more than glossed the surface. As have you, I have been privileged to listen to long perorations and accolades delivered in many languages and after each, I am eternally impressed with the fact that actually what is in people's hearts can scarcely ever be expressed in words. That dinner was no exception. I am sure that you thoroughly understand that every man in the room loves you dearly as a friend, a father, spiritual guide and mentor, as well as a scientific teacher and that not a single solitary one of us would ever have amounted to a 'hoot in Hell' without your deeply and delightfully stimulating presence. I suspect from all I heard that many of them like myself, feel your hand reach out to them over the miles and after these long years to guide them in some major decision.

God bless you! It was a delightful evening and I hope to see its like many times again."

Sincerely,

Charlie

June 9, 1950

MARY A. ALLEY EMERGENCY HOSPITAL
8 FRANKLIN STREET

TELEPHONE 815 MARBLEHEAD, MASS.

Dr. Peer P. Johnson,
Beverly Hospital,
Beverly, Massachusetts,

Dear Dr. Johnson: You will probably not remember me, but when you were tall and handsome House Officer on Third Surgical, I was the probationer on Dr and Dr at the Boston City.

"Your brilliant career has been very interesting and easy to follow."

Even twenty-five years ago, I was appointed a Trustee of the Mary A. Alley Emergency Hospital.

As you probably have heard, we are trying to have a new building to replace the present out-moded buildings which now house the Mary Alley.

There is a great of opposition, amounting almost to a civil war.

A Citizens Committee organized with members for and against a new building. This committee engaged Dr. Silinsky to make a survey. I am enclosing one of his reports.

Dr. Silinsky was misinformed in regard to Mr. Frank Inc Question's legacy to the Salem Hospital. The truthful article in Mr. Inc. Questions Will reads:

"To the Salem Hospital, Salem, Massachusetts, I give and bequeath, the sum of $75,000.00. I give this amount to provide a 16 bed ward or an operating room complete

MARY A. ALLEY EMERGENCY HOSPITAL

8 FRANKLIN STREET

TELEPHONE 815 MARBLEHEAD, MASS.

with recovery room, in memory of my wife Josephine A. The Question" Marblehead is not mentioned.

I read in the Lynn Item, that Mr. Paul T. Bauer, president of the Lynn Hospital, had approved the new building for the Union Hospital in that city.

It occurred to me, that you might be willing to give your approval for a new building in Marblehead. I know that Beverly Hospital cares for several Marblehead patients. Your approval might aid us in obtaining this new building.

If you would do this, I know that the Trustees would be most grateful.

Very truly yours,
Mabel (Hooper) Bridgeo.

Mrs. Wm. G. Bridgeo
72 Prospect Street
Marblehead, Massachusetts

June 21, 1950.

MARY A. ALLEY EMERGENCY HOSPITAL

8 FRANKLIN STREET

TELEPHONE 815 MARBLEHEAD, MASS.

Dr. Peer P. Johnson: I want to thank you for so graciously answering my appeal for your approval of a new building for Mary Alley.

No doubt you have heard that we have at last succeeded in overcoming that two-thirds vote necessary for a bond issue.

The battle was not nearly as fierce and furious as we expected, and the debate not too prolonged.

I am sure, at the next meeting of the Trustees, they will wish to thank you officially.

I do hope the next fifty years will be as kind to you as the past fifty, and that your career will be just as brilliant.

Very sincerely yours,
Mabel (Cooper) Bridgeo,
(Mrs. William G. Bridgeo)

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT
AND STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
BURLINGTON, VERMONT

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

October 28, 1952

Dr. Peer P. Johnson
Beverly Hospital
Beverly, Mass.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Through the efforts of Dr. William E. Brown, the University of Vermont College of Medicine has been granted a charter in A.O.A national medical honor fraternity.

On November 21 at 6:30 P.M. there will be a dinner followed by a program presenting the charter to the University College of Medicine and awarding certain faculty members and students keys.

Because of your efforts in the past on behalf of the College of Medicine and your accomplishments in the field of medicine, you have been selected by our group to be the recipient of honorary membership in A.O.A.

Could you find it possible to come to Burlington on November 21 and attend the dinner and the ceremonies thereafter and at that time receive your key and certificate?

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours

George A. Wolf, Jr., M.D.
Dean

H.

HARVEY B. WHITING, M. D.
110 MAIN STREET
MONTPELIER, VT.

TELEPHONE: 1377-W

May 25, 1953

Dear Miss Allen:

It was indeed nice of you to send me the clippings on Dr. Johnson's day this year. I am certainly sorry I couldn't make it but did enjoy reading about it. Hope to make it next year.

I often think of Beverly Hospital and the good friends who are still there. Though my surgery is now limited to the EENT field I often find myself saying "now how would Dr. Johnson make this incision?" etc. The basic surgery that we obtained at Beverly sticks with us over the years. I have been around

other hospitals and medical centers over the twenty years since I left Beverly and I am still to see any finer teaching than I had there.

Would you please tell the Chief that I am wishing him the best as always and hope to be seeing him before many months go by if I can possibly get down that way."

I promise that if I make it next time I'll make a tour of the hospital with you and see the changes, if you will allow me too. I remember of only seeing you briefly

HARVEY B. WHITING, M. D.
110 MAIN STREET
MONTPELIER, VT.

TELEPHONE: 1377-W

at the 1951 reunion as I believe Benny Riseman was in a hurry to get on to the cocktail party and I was going with him. We sure had some fun that time and I expect the boys did just as well this year!

Thank again for writing me.

Sincerely

Harvey B. Whiting

A. WILLIAM FRIEND, M. D.
515 NOME AVENUE
AKRON 20, OHIO

June 19, 1956.

Dear Anna:

Thanks very, very much for sending to me the newspaper announcement of the honorary degree conferred recently on Doctor Johnson by the University of Vermont.

He certainly deserves all the many honors he has received. All the honors in the world could never match all the contributions he has made.

I hope that I shall be able to see both him and you before long.

Sincerely,

Bill Friend.

WILLIAM J. BARNES, M. D.
400 MAIN STREET
GREAT BARRINGTON, MASS.

May 25, 1953.

Dear Miss Allen,

Thank you so much for your note of May 20, enclosing the clippings reporting Reunion Day. I am so sorry I could not be there to renew old acquaintance, and particularly to add my word of recognition of Dr. Blunson's character. I don't believe there are many men who have had such strong moral convictions about surgical practice, and who have had the persistent courage to stand by their convictions.

I have written to Dr. Blunson from this address, but mail is still being sent to me at Englewood, N. J.

Will you please see that the Englewood address is erased and the Great Barrington address put down as permanent.

Thank you very much.

Very sincerely,

William Barnes.

SAUL M. MARCUS, M. D.
520 BEACON STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

June 14, 1956

Peer P. Johnson, M. D.
1 Monument Square
Beverly, Massachusetts

Dear Doctor Johnson:

I was extremely pleased and proud upon receiving the clipping about the honors bestowed upon you by the University of Vermont. There is no question about it in my mind that these honors are well-deserved. No one knows better than I, during the short period that I was fortunate to be associated with you at the Beverly Hospital; how much time, energy, and thought you have given to the problems of all types of patients, poor as well as rich, whenever they came under your care.

I feel very honored to think that I had the opportunity to have been taught my fundamental principles of surgery by you. The Credo that the patients' welfare must come first was well instilled in my mind by your teaching and indirectly, that principle has probably been of value during my years of practice because the habit has stuck to me and I have not forgotten your teachings along this line.

I have had to overcome a great many obstacles arguing with patients, nurses, and even doctors, over the years to insist upon my carrying out what I thought best for the patient. However, in the end everybody felt happy about the outcome in most cases. Your human relationship to your patients and consideration of their welfare was to me equally impressive as your judgment and skill in looking out for the welfare of your patients during my stay at the Beverly Hospital.

I wish you many years of happiness in the future and hope that you will be able to continue to teach and consult as well as perform in Medicine and Surgery.

Cordially,

Saul

Saul M. Marcus, M. D.

SMM:am

DR. and MRS. EDUARDO AZUOLA

Extend to You the Season's Greetings
with all Good Wishes for a
Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year.

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CHESTNUT HILL 67, MASS.

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A Friendly Hearth

Dear Johnny -

This evening, returning from a meeting of the Amer. S. U. Assoc. I found a picture - of "Two Old Men". Thanks, and my appreciation of the fact that you are the younger of the Two. At this meeting at Hershey Pa. I was the oldest member. The reason I still go to this gathering is that I have an affection for some of the younger members that gave me a personally conducted tour while there was a time I was on the field and received applause, now I have the joy of sitting in the audience and applaud. If you liked what I said at your party - it was the same impulse but I did not say half of my appreciation. "May God be with you for years to come and I the pleasure of being at the Per P. Johnson Day which I am told is to be an "annual" until you get to be and old man." My appreciation and affection.

May 26-1950. Jack Cummyhan

46 GLOUCESTER STREET
BOSTON

1949

MONDAY DEC. 26th

DEAR MR. JOHNSON DOCTOR,

WHEN YOUR MERRY CHRISTMAS CARD ARRIVED, MY MOTHER CRIED AND SAID IT WAS THE NICEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT SHE HAD EVER RECEIVED IN HER WHOLE LIFE. AND DADDY SAYS IT RESTORES HIS FAITH IN HUMANITY.

SUSAN AND I THINK YOU ARE ESPECIALLY NICE, TOO, BECAUSE WE HEARD MUMMY SAY THAT YOU ARE OUR SANTA CLAUS THIS YEAR — AND WE [illegible]KE SANTA CLAUS!

WITH LOVE, JOHNNIE ALTMAN

THE JOHNS HOPKINS HOSPITAL

BALTIMORE 5, MARYLAND

January 19, 1948

Peer P. Johnson, M.D.
Beverly Hospital
Beverly, Mass.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I have been asked my opinion of the training in general surgery which I received under your direction at the Beverly Hospital.

"Although I have been on the surgical house staffs of four hospitals, in addition to the one at my medical school, I have not seen, in any of the others, the well-integrated ward surgical service which I found at Beverly. Without any doubt, the most profitable and instructive service which I have had was the one at Beverly.

At no other institution did I learn as much in a comparable period of time even though, as you know, I had already served as surgical resident in an approved hospital elsewhere. At no hospital except Beverly have I found anything remotely comparable to the anesthesiology which you have available to the ward service. At no other hospital have I seen the records so beautifully and meticulously kept. I learned greatly from your tumor clinic, the straightforward discussion of surgical deaths at the joint conferences, and the close personal observation accorded the house staff by the attending men.

Surgery as it is taught and practiced at the Beverly Hospital is the most splendid example of how much can be done by capable men who are honestly interested in developing young surgeons of whom they may be justly proud in the years to come."

Sincerely,

Perry B. Hudson

Perry B. Hudson, M.D.
Asst. Resident Urologist
BRADY UROLOGICAL INST.

PBH/amw

U. S. Naval Receiving Hosp.
San Francisco, Calif.
11 Oct 45

Dear Dr. Johnson -

I regretted the necessity for my leaving Beverly without seeing you.

I won't waste your time with an account of how thoroughly rotten Naval medicine is.

I am deeply grateful for the surgical experience which I had while working under your direction. Never before have I sincerely admired a community, a hospital or a surgeon. My stay there was of inordinate value to me, and to my future patients.

I remain astounded by the extent to which your community has been altered by your life within it. Working for you was a great pleasure and a rare privelege, - one which I cannot reasonably expect to happen to me again.

With every wish that this letter finds you in good health, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Perry B. Hudson Lt.

COPY

J. BENTLEY SQUIER UROLOGICAL CLINIC
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY-PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL
620 WEST 168TH STREET
NEW YORK

13 July 1950

Dear Dr. Johnson—

I have been quite busy since I saw you last May. Now, at long last, I'm settled here at Columbia. Although I found Johns Hopkins a difficult sort of place to leave, I find my prospects here quite bright.

I've been made Asst. Professor in charge of G.U. surgery in the new cancer hospital & director of G.U. research in the Cancer Research Institute. They've given me a large desk and a large bottle of aspirin.

My latest visit to Beverly was, as usual, the best yet. I'll never tire of

J. BENTLEY SQUIER UROLOGICAL CLINIC
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY-PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL
620 WEST 168TH STREET
NEW YORK

returning to see how medicine can and should be practiced.

Surely, during the year, you will get down to this uncivilized city. Please let me know beforehand. I certainly can't match north shore hospitality, but I'd like to try.

Give my kindest regards to Barney Todd, Jack Fine, Tiernan & the rest.

Sincerely,

Terry Thomas

September 18, 1950

Mr. John W. Bethell
Secretary, Board of Directors
Beverly Hospital
Beverly, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Bethell:

I should be extremely ungrateful if I did not express my appreciation for the very kind greetings sent me through you by the Board of Directors on the occasion of my birthday. Had I acknowledged your letter on the day of its arrival, I should have said that a matter of 75 birthdays was merely a chronicle event and not one of feelings. Today--I have to admit that my feelings are still the same, although nature has seen fit to give me a slight warning that things are not quite what they seem.

It hardly seems necessary to say that the years I have spent with the hospital have been very happy ones. That the hospital is what it is today is not so much due to the efforts of one man as to the teamwork of the whole organization. From my earliest connection with the hospital there always has been a far-seeing, intelligent and co-operative Board of Trustees, without which none of the things which have been accomplished could have been accomplished. Needless to say, the energetic leadership of the present president of the Board of Trustees has proven a tower of strength to us all.

Sincerely yours,

PPJ:aea

Peer P. Johnson, M.D.

P.S. The fact that the very generous letter was written by the son-in-law of its recipient suggests to me that it is slightly tainted.

C O P Y

BEVERLY HOSPITAL
BEVERLY, MASSACHUSETTS

19 September 1950

Dr. Peer P. Johnson,
Beverly Hospital,
Beverly,
Massachusetts.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

As you know, the Board of Directors met last night at the Hospital, and great was its regret that you could not be present to meet with the Training School Committee.

Your very good letter, acknowledging the Board's letter to you of August Twenty-First, was read and enjoyed - particularly the Postscript.

It was voted unanimously - seventeen Directors being present - to instruct the Secretary to convey to you the Board's deepest regret that you are under the necessity of sampling the treatment you are more in the habit of handling from the dispensing rather than the receiving end. It is hoped that you will not have to be a patient for too long, and that very shortly you will be up and about with a dossier of notes on how to improve the Hospital from the patient's point of view.

In other words, you have the Board's most heartfelt wishes for a very speedy and complete recovery.

Yours most sincerely,

John W. Bethell

John W. Bethell
Secretary

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GEORGE M. WHEATLEY, M.D.
THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT
HEALTH AND WELFARE

December 21, 1950

Dr. Peer P. Johnson
Beverly, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I was delighted to see in the November 16 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine that a lecture in your name had been established. This is a well deserved recognition of your great contribution to surgical practice and training. While I did not become a surgeon, I think I have profited greatly from the opportunity you gave me to learn clinical medicine and surgery on the firing line, so to speak.

Those summers in the operating room and making rounds with you left impressions which the years since have convinced me were more valuable than many formal courses and other hospital experiences. I am sure that all of those who had the privilege of coming under your influence must have been thrilled as I was to see this tribute to you and your work. May you go on and on.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

George

George M. Wheatley, M.D.
Third Vice-President


A Yuletide
Message

Your kindness, your friendship
and your teaching will follow me
all my life. Victor Perlow

Wishing you a Merry Christmas
Filled with happiness and cheer
With all good things
the season brings us
At this happy time of year—
And may all your days,
from now on,
Give you joy as warm and bright
And as pleasant as a candle,
Shining softly in the night.

Trinity Church

CORNER MIDDLE AND SCHOOL STREETS
GLOUCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

EDWARD ANDREW JONES
MINISTER

April 22, 1952.

Dr. Peer P. Johnson
The Beverly Hospital
Beverly, Massachusetts.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Sorry to hear that you are in the hospital for repairs. I hope you will very soon be able to go to your farm at Shangri-la. This is a wonderful time to be on a farm. By the time you begin to tire of that, you should be able to go to sea again. Here is wishing you, sir, a well earned rest and a quick recovery.

Sincerely,

Edward A. Jones

EAJ:w

P. S. I am one of the men for whom you redesigned the fuel system by "clipping" the Vagus nerve. It was a great job. I work like a horse and feel like a million dollars. Thank you, Sir.

It is your hospital and you have made it what it is. One to be very proud of.

Affly. yours

Mary V. Sears

June 20/51

THE PINES
PRIDES CROSSING
MASSACHUSETTS

Dear Mr. Valentine:

Had you been a fly on the wall at the meeting last Monday, you would have seen many teary eyes when they read your letter.

What now you decide to do, do not lose your hold on the hospital. I hate to think what it would be without your wise guidance & influence.

OFFICE OF
THE COMMANDANT
FIRST NAVAL DISTRICT
BOSTON - MASSACHUSETTS

10 OCT 1952

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I would like to thank you for the courtesy extended to the British sailors of the HMS BURGHEAD BAY who were injured in an automobile accident while the HMS BURGHEAD BAY was in Gloucester, Massachusetts, 29 September to 4 October 1952.

Your kindness in taking care of these men was helpful in the promotion of understanding and good will.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. Callaghan
Captain, U. S. N.
Acting Commandant,
First Naval District

Dr. P. P. Johnson
Chief of Staff
Beverly Hospital
Beverly, Massachusetts

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November 17th,
1 9 5 2.

Dr. Peer P. Johnson
Beverly Hospital
Beverly, Mass.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Just a line to tell you how much I enjoyed the opportunity of meeting you again after so many years.

I want to assure you that we would be very happy, indeed, to have the privilege of working out the problems of the Beverly Hospital with Mr. Ayer, you, Miss Bartley and the Building Committee. As you know, it is my privilege to go through many hospitals in various parts of the country, and I can truthfully say that I have never seen a hospital so clean, neat and apparently well run as is yours. I hope we shall have the privilege of working with you.

With very kindest personal regards and best wishes, I remain,

Yours very truly,

NEERGAARD, AGNEW & CRAIG

AC/hdg

By: Allan Craig
Allan Craig, M. D.

Dear Dr. Johnson

Thank you for being so kind to Harold. He told me that often you talked about Alaska to him and that made him so happy. I'm sure that he fully believed he would come home. Even I hoped knowing all the time he wouldn't. But from your visits in the mornings to him — all the rest you kept his hope up. Thank you again Marilyn Hanson
— Family

In Appreciation

Procure for Foreign Missions
Fruit Hill.
North Providence. R. I.

December 20th 1919.

Dear Sir:
P. P. P.

At the approach of Christmas and the New Year. I wish to extend to you my very best and sincere wishes, and once more, also, my sincere thanks for the invaluable services rendered to Sister Marie Donat.

I certainly attribute the

recovery of our dear Sister, to the great care taken of her during her sojourn at your hospital.

May God reward you a hundred fold for your great kindness, and shower his special blessings upon you in all your undertakings.

Rest assured, dear Mr. Johnson, that the Sisters will daily pray for you.

I am sending a painting on wood, done by our sisters in Rome, and copied from the original, by Mantegna. It is part of the "Adoration of the Three Wise Men," and represents the Mother of God with the Infant Jesus.

Kindly accept it as a token of our thorough appreciation, and as a souvenir of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary.

Sister M. Donat is growing stronger every day, and really looks well. She wishes to be specially remembered to you.

With repeated Christmas wishes.

I remain.

Yours very truly,

M. Irma

Superior General.

1952

Naomi Poor

Dear Dr. Johnson:

We had a very leisurely and pleasant drive down and arrived here on November 1st and in plenty of time to vote for Eisenhower - We've had almost perfect weather ever since we came and I am feeling perfectly well and without a word from my pancreas! I know so well how different this all might have been if I had been landed in the lap of someone who had not been gifted with your rare knowledge and skill - My stay at the hospital was very pleasant, and it was nice to have the daily visits with you - I always felt after you had left that I had learned something and had things to think about - I want to thank you for all you did for me - even to being dragged from a beautiful yacht and away from a duck dinner! May you have a happy Christmas and an uninterrupted Christmas dinner - Sincerely,

Naomi Poor

ARMS OF MORSE

INTEGRO NON ARMIS FIDO

Mar. 14, 1955

Dear Dr. Johnson

May I congratulate you for having recently received the "Citizenship Citation for Meritorious Service" and selected as "Man of the Year." It pleased me to read the account in the paper although much that you have done not mentioned.

I am referring to all you have done for many of us as individuals, big principles as well as facts. & the heart of these is honesty medicine; being honest with one's patients, honest with one's colleagues, honest with oneself. Before long it will be 'split' by again and the 'ans looking forward to.

Very sincerely,

Edward K. Morse

CHAS. W. McLAUGHLIN, JR., M. D.
JOHN D. COE, M. D.

316 MEDICAL ARTS BUILDING
OMAHA 2, NEBRASKA

June 22, 1956

Dr. Peer P. Johnson
Beverly Hospital
Beverly, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Miss Allen was good enough the other day to send me a clipping telling of your receiving the honorary degrees from the University of Vermont. I, along with all your other former residents and internes feel very proud for you and rather pleased to know that your alma mater recognized your professional accomplishments.

The time runs by so quickly it is hard to believe that it's been over ten years since I had the opportunity of spending almost a year with you folks. I do want you to know that I think of you frequently and each year, at the alumni day, regret that it is difficult for me to return. Perhaps sometime in the near future I will have an opportunity to stop back and visit with you.

I am fairly well situated in practice by now. Still teach part time at the University but predominantly spend my time taking care of sick people. Mrs. Coe and I have three children and I must say in addition to practicing surgery a family keeps one somewhat busy.

Give our very best regards to Dr. Parkhurst, Dr. Alt, and any of those who might yet remember us.

With best wishes for many continued years of successful practice, I remain

Sincerely yours,

John D. Coe

John D. Coe, M. D.

JDC:emr

Keith Merrill, Jr. M.D.

October 31, 1957

Peer P. Johnson, M. D.
1 Monument Square
Beverly, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Johnson:

It is with a feeling of deepest gratitude that I send you this announcement. I cannot express adequately my appreciation of hours of informal teaching and innumerable kindnesses and courtesies dating back to the age of seven, when you gave me the first hypodermic injection I had ever received. When I was about thirteen, you showed me my first operation, a subtotal colectomy and an end-to-end anastomosis for cancer. When I was a sophomore in college, you let me second-assist on one of your laparotomies. The only comparable surgeon I ever saw at the Mayo Clinic was the late Dr. Howard K. Gray.

Although not a Beverly product, I feel deeply indebted to Beverly Hospital. I learned a lot from you at Beverly and wish to express my appreciation to all of you at this time.

Sincerely yours,

Keith

Keith Merrill, Jr., M. D.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 1, 1956

Dr. Peer P. Johnson
1 Monument Square
Beverly, Massachusetts

Dear Peer:

I deeply appreciate your good letter of October 16 and your understanding of my feelings toward occupying the Englesby house. I am sure that you will be happy to know that the Trustees have adopted a resolution to the effect that no structural changes shall be made in the Englesby house that would prevent its future use as a President's Home.

You were more than nice to express the hope that UVM should be my life career. Your wish coincides very closely with my own wishes and desires. These next few years will be exciting ones because of the tremendous pressure by students and the need to find facilities and staff to continue and to improve the education we now offer. In other words, the years ahead will continue to be challenging ones for anyone and there is nothing I love more than a good challenge.

As always I send my deepest personal regards and best wishes to one of the finest men that I've ever been privileged to know.

Sincerely yours,

Carl W. Borgmann
President

TELEPHONE: CEDAR 4-5912

CLARENCE E. MOORE, M. D.
116 LOCUST STREET
HARRISBURG, PA.

June 28, 1956

Peer P. Johnson, M.D.,
Beverly Hospital,
Beverly, Mass.

Dear Dr. Johnson,

I was pleased to learn that you were recently honored by your Alma Mater, the University of Vermont.

Having just returned from a short vacation in Quebec, I found on my desk, a "clipping" which was sent to me by our mutual friend, Anna Allen, of your recent award by the University of Vermont, of Honorary Doctor of Science.

As one who is proud to be a member of the Beverly Hospital Alumni, and one of "P.P.J.'s boys", I wish to join the many in extending congratulations to you on receiving this well deserved honor from your Alma Mater.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence E. Moore, M.D.

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June 27, 1956

Peer P. Johnson, M.D.
Beverly
Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Anna sent me clippings of June 10 relative to the well deserved honors bestowed upon you by the University of Vermont. I just wanted to add my own congratulations and say again that through the years I have always remembered many of your valuable lessons taught the young doctor which were far more than just techniques in surgery.

With best personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Camp S. Huntington

Camp S. Huntington, M.D.

CSH:ss

WILLIAM B. CASTLE, M.D.
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TELEPHONE KENMORE 6-8600

July 9, 1956

Dr. Peer P. Johnson
1 Monument Square
Beverly, Mass.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Let me be, if not the first, not the last to congratulate you on the well-deserved honorary degree from the University of Vermont. Bill Brown has just written to let me know of this splendid news.

I am making mental note to include in a list of your appropriate costumes, in addition to operating gown and pea jacket, academic robe.

Sincerely yours,

Bill

W. B. Castle, M. D.

WBC:s

feel to you, & wishing that in some way we could do as much for you. I am,

Most sincerely,

Ethel R. Adams.

January twenty-second.

Mrs. John D. Adams

Duxbury, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Johnson:

There are no words that could fully express my appreciation for all your kindness and devotion to John, so may I just say, thank you & hope that

you understand.

Please extend my thanks to all the Drs and nurses who were so good to him. He told me of that the last time I was there.

I am sorry there are not more donations to the hospital but all our friends away from Boston knew nothing of that, & many here sent flowers both to John and to me, instead of following our request. I enclose one check which was sent here.

Both my sons join me in saying how grateful we

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THE PSYCHOPATHIC HOSPITAL
THE ROSA AND HENRY ZIEGLER HOSPITAL

April 14, 1961

Peer P. Johnson, M.D.
One Monument Square
Beverly, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Thank you for your kind note of April 5, 1961. It has been a long time since I was in Beverly. I would like to thank you again for your sincere effort to help me in my "neonatal period" in the U.S.A.

I also would like to point out at this occasion what Beverly Hospital has meant to me. Perhaps the best thing that ever happened in my career in the U.S. [illegible] the fact that Don Brown introduced me to Beverly Hospital, and you have [illegible] and courage to give me the job. The environment I found was friendly, understanding, and stimulating. Having been blind, mute and deaf, I did not [illegible] these qualities until later, when I began to see and hear. Now the Beverly Hospital stands in my mind as an outstanding institution with good practice and [illegible] of New England medicine. I can assure you that I am extremely grateful to Beverly Hospital and to you, and I will always carry in my mind the image of the good surgeon, leader, seaman, and above all, understanding friend which I met in the Beverly Hospital.

This image has served me not only as "propelling power" in my own practical [illegible] life but also as a model for teaching junior colleagues.

I was delighted to hear about all your traveling abroad, your hospital activities, and hope that the boat in Manchester is ready to open the spring season. I thank you for your invitation to visit Beverly Hospital, which I accept and will realize at the near bilaterally convenient date.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Alois Vasicka, M.D.
Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology

AV:vg

1044 Park Place
Brooklyn 13, New York
October 2, 1961

Dear Dr. Johnson:

So many times I thought one of these days I will go and visit with you. But as long as I don't seem to be able to do that, at least I will write. I wonder whether you remember me. I am "Goldie" - one of the Doctors that were interning in the Beverly Hospital in 1926.

Probably one of the reasons I didn't write was the question: Just what will I say? How can I describe the goodness you had given me? And now, when I am actually writing, I still don't know just what to say or how to describe what you had done for me. I suppose what it was can be said this way: You had acted toward me as one human, real human being that you are, to another one in need. You had given me your confidence and trust and strength to go on and courage to go ahead when I felt so lost and bewildered in a new country. And with your encouragement I was able to hold on and develop what was good in me and nurture it and make it grow.

I know that you do not need my testimonial - your life, your way of living is your testimonial. But I felt guilty for a long time for not letting you know that I have you deep in my heart.

With love and respect and blessings,

R. Goldberg

May 15, 1961

Mr. Neil R. Ayer, President
Board of Directors
Beverly Hospital

Dear Neil:

I have a strong suspicion that it is about time to terminate what began for me some 58 years ago as a temporary appointment to the Beverly Hospital Staff so therefore, I am very reluctantly sending you my resignation as a member of the Staff.

Most cordially yours,

PPJ/aea

Peer P. Johnson, M.D.
Chief of Staff

May 19, 1961

Mr. Neil R. Ayer, President
Board of Directors
Beverly Hospital

Dear Neil:

Thank you for your letter relative to my resignation. I feel very honored by your suggestion that I become a member of the Board of Directors but I am not sure whether it would be quite fair for me to accept this offer.

As you know, most of my principal interest in life has been the hospital and I suspect it always will be. I have kept pretty close to the hospital during my some fifty-eight years' of service, taking only a few weeks off now and then and this mostly during the last few years. I have a feeling now that I would like to play truant during the coming year and I might not be around here as much as I should be if I were to take up your suggestion. I think you will understand what I mean when I say that I wouldn't like to take on any job that I cannot do well.

I await your opinion on this matter.

Most cordially yours,

Peer P. Johnson, M.D.
Chief of Staff

PPJ:aea

BEVERLY HOSPITAL
BEVERLY, MASSACHUSETTS

16 May, 1961

PLEASE REPLY:
50 CONGRESS STREET
BOSTON 9, MASSACHUSETTS
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Dear Doctor Johnson,

It was with an enormous degree of reluctance and a great awareness of your role in the history of the Beverly Hospital that the Board of Directors last evening accepted your resignation as a member of the Staff.

I would like you to know that they did so, firstly, because they honestly felt that this was what you wanted and, secondly, because they thought that this was an opportune time for putting into operation the Staff Executive Committee plan approved by the Board of Directors on April 21, 1958, and outlined in Paragraph 1 of Section II of the Rules and Regulations of the Beverly Hospital Corporation. As you know, the title Chief of Staff will no longer be used when your resignation becomes effective on June 30, 1961. After that date there will be a Chairman of the Staff Executive Committee who will serve in that capacity for one year but who will not succeed himself for at least two terms --- but the title of Chief of Staff will no longer be.

All of the members of the Board sincerely hope that your interest in and your devotion to the Hospital will continue. Frankly, we are counting on you for advice and guidance, of course, but perhaps more important we are counting on your efforts to maintain

the high degree of discipline without which we cannot hope to perpetuate the standard of medical excellence which you have brought to Beverly.

With the foregoing in mind, I understand that you are willing to serve as a regular member of the Board of Directors, accept an appointment on the Consultant Staff and maintain your offices in the Hospital

I am not going to thank you in any final fashion, at this stage of the game at least, for the fifty-eight years you have served on the Staff because after talking to you this morning, I am confident that I can continue to count on you to help all of us on the Board in our efforts to uphold the quality of patient care which you have always demanded.

Sincerely,

Neil

Neil R. Ayer
President

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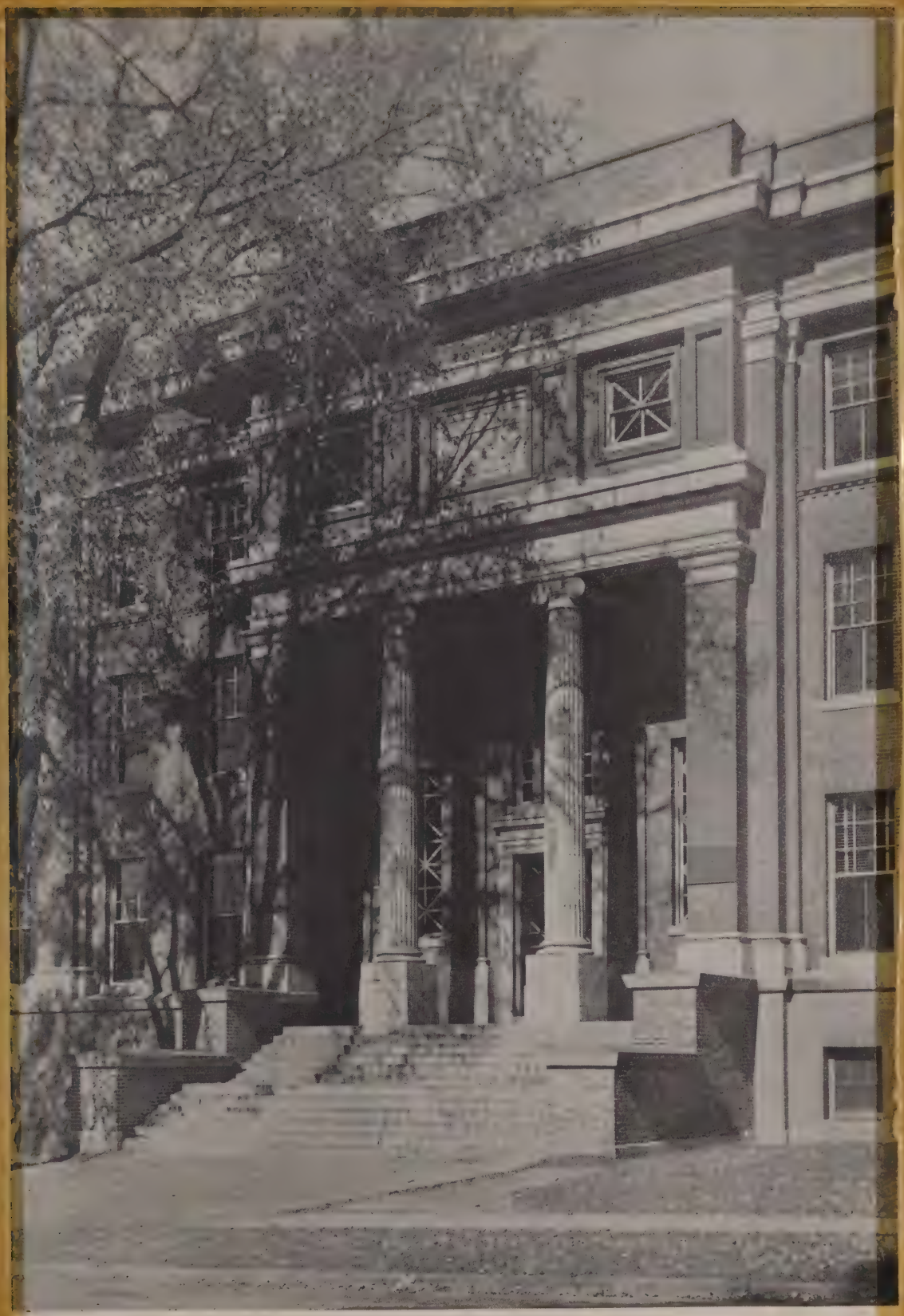

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November 29, 1957

Dr. Peer P. Johnson
15 Washington Street
Beverly, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Johnson,

Next Monday, December 2, 1957, will mark your twenty fifth anniversary as a Director of this bank and we do want to extend to you our most sincere congratulations.

There is little question that you have the greatest respect and admiration of your associates on the Board for your thinking and good judgment as well as your scintillating remarks.

I want you to know how much I personally appreciate your contributions and interest, and earnestly hope you will be with us for many years to come.

While your good wife is most unusual in having been brought up as a doctor's daughter and a life-time of being a doctor's wife, and as a consequence has adjusted herself to other people's demands upon your time, we also know that she has still had to give up something in order to let you attend our meetings. We are sending her a little token in appreciation.

Cordially and Sincerely,

President

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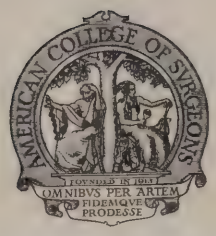
PAUL R. HAWLEY, M.D.
THE DIRECTOR



American College of Surgeons

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40 EAST ERIE STREET, CHICAGO 11, ILLINOIS

4 September 1957

Peer P. Johnson, M.D., F.A.C.S.
1 Monument Square
Beverly, Massachusetts

Dear Doctor Johnson:

On behalf of the Officers and Regents of the American College of Surgeons, I congratulate you upon the recognition given your long and devoted service to the Beverly Hospital; but especially do I congratulate your community in having enjoyed for so many years the quality of service which prompted this public recognition.

I hope that you will be able to attend the next Clinical Congress of this College to be held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, 14 to 18 October 1957. We shall be very happy to accord you the honor due to one of the Founders of this College. If you are able to accept, please let me know so that I may make the proper arrangements for you.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

P R Hawley

Paul R. Hawley, M.D.
The Director

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UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT
AND STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
BURLINGTON, VERMONT

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

June 18, 1948

P. P. Johnson, M.D.
Beverly Hospital
Beverly, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Miss Anna Smith, Secretary to the President of the University of Vermont, informs me that the dates of the other trusteeship referred to in your letter to me dated June 14, 1948 were 1930 to 1933.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Newhall

C. A. Newhall, M.D.
Secretary of the Faculty
University of Vermont College of Medicine

CAN:rdj
CC: Miss Anna Smith

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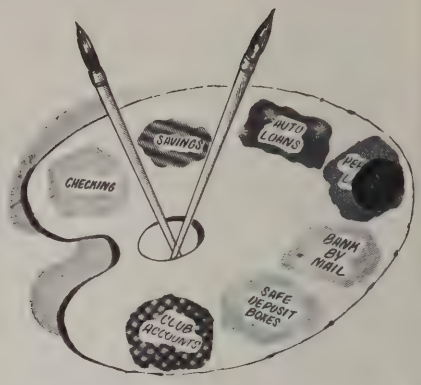

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

June 15, 1948

Anna E. Allen, RRL
Record Librarian
Beverly Hospital
Beverly, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of June 14, addressed to Miss Binderup, our Reference Librarian, has been turned over to me for reply.

Dr. Peer P. Johnson became a Non-Resident Fellow of this Library on December 15, 1934.

Yours very truly,

B. A. LaRochelle

B. A. LaRochelle

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The Boston City Hospital

JAMES W. MANARY, M. D.
SUPERINTENDENT AND MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Boston, January 13, 1953

Miss Anna E. Allen, Historian
Beverly Hospital
Beverly, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Allen:

In reply to your letter dated January 2nd, we wish to inform you that, according to our records, Dr. Peer P. Johnson served an Internship at this Hospital from January, 1900 to July, 1902.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Pelton

C. H. Pelton, M. D.
Assistant Superintendent

CHP/MLM

The Massachusetts Medical Society

EXECUTIVE OFFICES
22 FENWAY, BOSTON 15, MASSACHUSETTS
TELEPHONE KENMORE 6-5162

October 15, 1951

Miss Anna Allen
Beverly Hospital
Beverly, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Allen:

In confirmation of our telephone conversation this morning, Dr. Peer P. Johnson was Vice-president of the Massachusetts Medical Society in 1928-1929.

Dr. Johnson was vice-president of the Essex South District Medical Society in 1914-1915 and was president of this district society in 1917-1918. Each term of office extended from May to May of each year.

Very truly yours,

B. Adler

Barbara A. Adler
Secretary to Dr. Gallupe

Beverly Public Schools

BEVERLY, MASSACHUSETTS

STARR M. KING
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

June 16, 1955

To Whom It May Concern:

Records on file in the office of the Superintendent of Schools show that Dr. Peer P. Johnson served as a member of the School Committee from January 1917 through December 1922.

Yours very truly,

Starr M. King

Superintendent of Schools

/d-n

New England Surgical Society

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
PETER BENT BRIGHAM HOSPITAL
721 HUNTINGTON AVENUE
BOSTON 15, MASSACHUSETTS

January 16, 1953

Anna E. Allen, Historian
Beverly Hospital
Beverly, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Allen:

My records indicate that Dr. Peer Johnson was Treasurer of the New England Surgical Society for the years 1921-1934 inclusive. The Treasurer of the Society during the years 1917-1920 was Dr. Philemon E. Truesdale.

There has been considerable discrepancy in the listing of dates of service as officers in the Society. This has been occasioned because in some instances officers were listed as beginning their terms of service in 1916 and others in 1917. After an intensive study during the past year, we are bringing out in the coming Transactions what we believe to be as accurate a list of the past officers of the Society as can be arrived at.

This may be of help to you and we expect that it will be out in the last spring, considerably ahead of Transactions of other years.

Sincerely yours,

J. Englebert Dunphy, M.D.
Secretary

JED/cll

Dr. Johnson attended this first meeting.

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

1913

HISTORICAL

Organized May 5, 1913, Washington, D.C.
First Convocation Held at Chicago
November 13, 1913

The American College of Surgeons was organized at a meeting in Washington on Monday evening, May 5, 1913. Four hundred and fifty prominent surgeons of the continent of North America came together at the invitation of an Organization Committee which had been appointed by the Clinical Congress of Surgeons of North America at its meeting in November, 1912. This committee consisted of Edward Martin of Philadelphia, Emmet Rixford of San Francisco, John B. Murphy of Chicago, Rudolph Matas of New Orleans, Albert J. Ochsner of Chicago, Charles H. Mayo of Rochester, Minnesota, Frederic J. Cotton of Boston, George Emerson Brewer of New York, J. M. T. Finney of Baltimore, W. W. Chipman of Montreal, George W. Crile of Cleveland and Franklin H. Martin of Chicago.

The invitations, which resulted in this large gathering of surgeons in Washington, were extended by the Organization Committee after a carefully prepared campaign in which each large university city on the continent was visited by a member of the committee who met, in person, a group of selected men brought together by a committee of three in each locality, which committee had been authorized by the Organization Committee to extend an invitation to the surgeons in their locality to meet the representative of the Organization Committee. These five hundred men who were invited to the meeting in Washington, four hundred and fifty of whom responded, represented all branches of surgery and surgical specialties.

At this meeting in Washington, called for the purpose of effecting an organization, the Committee on Organization presented a definite tentative plan, which plan included a call of the meeting, the presentation of by-laws, the presentation of resolutions, and a plan for the completion of the organization by the election of governing bodies and executive officers.

Call of the Meeting

The men were called together by Edward Martin, Chairman of the Organization Committee, who called for the reading of the Call of the Meeting.

The Call of the Meeting was read by Franklin H. Martin, Secretary of the Committee. This call, which is herein quoted in part, summarizes the work for which, in the opinion of the committee, the American College should stand:

"First. It should formulate a minimum standard of requirements which should be possessed by any authorized graduate in medicine who is allowed to perform, independently, surgical operations in general surgery or any of its specialties.

"Second. It should consider the desirability of listing the names of those men who desire to practice surgery and who come under the authorized requirements.

"Third. It should seek the means of legalizing under national, colonial, state, or provincial laws, a distinct degree supplementing the medical degree, which shall be conferred upon physicians possessing the requirements recognized by this law as necessary to be possessed by operating surgeons.

"Fourth. It should seek cooperation with the medical schools of the continent which have the right to confer the degree of M.D. under the

present recognized standards, and urge these colleges to confer a supplementary degree on those of its graduates who have, in addition to their medical course, fulfilled the necessary apprenticeship in surgical hospitals, operative laboratories, and actual operative surgery.

"Fifth. It should authorize and popularize the use of this title by men upon whom it is conferred, and its use should especially be urged in all directories of physicians in order that the laity as well as medical men may distinguish between the men who have been authorized to practice surgery and those who have not."

The founders' organization was completed by the election of a chairman and a secretary, and the authorization of an order of business. The meeting then proceeded to complete the organization by adopting by-laws, rules and regulations and electing governors, regents and officers.

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

1913

THE FIRST CONVOCATION

The first convocation of the American College of Surgeons occurred in the Gold Room of the Congress Hotel, Chicago, on the evening of November 13, 1913

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

President J. M. T. Finney then delivered the Presidential address to the Fellows of the College. His remarks in brief were as follows:

"The highest development of the greatest efficiency along all lines of public service relating in any way to our profession." With this as the keynote, the American College of Surgeons was launched by Dr. Finney on what is thought by all concerned to be a career of usefulness for the public at large. "The history of surgery in the United States and Canada," said Dr. Finney, "is opened to a new page. When at some future time the historian comes to write on that page the record of events that have led up to this meeting, he will there record the taking of another step in the progress of medicine in general and of surgery in particular in Canada and the United States. What is consummated here tonight is destined to produce a deep and lasting impression upon medical progress not alone in those countries but indirectly the world over.

"The present and future welfare of the profession has been for a long time uppermost in the minds and very close to the hearts of many of us. We have pictured to ourselves in this connection a profession ennobled by men actuated solely by their desire to devote their time and their talents to the relief of suffering humanity, willing, yes, glad at any time, if need be, to lay down their own lives for those of their fellow-men; whose membership

should embrace only men of singleness of purpose, unselfish, high-minded, zealous in their efforts to wrest from nature the keys to her many mysteries; men who unconsciously, perhaps, in character and conduct, reflect in varying degree the life and spirit of the Great Physician; a profession free from taint of commercialism or graft, in which there shall be no room for the base, the unscrupulous, the ignorant, or unskilled; in which the test for membership has to do only with character and attainment.

"Our hopes and dreams, so long dim, shadowy, and unreal, are about, in part at least, to assume definite and concrete form. We are assembled here this evening to witness, indeed to assist at, the birth of a new agency for good, both to the public and to the profession; to bid Godspeed to this lusty infant, the American College of Surgeons, the offspring of a fruitful union between a deep-rooted and praiseworthy desire within the profession to elevate its standards of ethics and efficiency, and a lively sense of the urgent and long-felt need of its accomplishment.

"The aim of this organization and the reason for its existence lie in its disinterested and unselfish efforts to elevate the standards of the profession, moral as well as intellectual, to foster research, to educate the public up to the idea that there is a difference between the honest, conscientious, well-trained surgeon, and the purely commercial operator, the charlatan and the quack; furthermore, that the term "surgeon" means something more than a suave manner, a glib tongue, a private hospital, a press-agent, and the all too easily acquired diploma, with its accompanying title of 'doctor'. The standardization of surgery is absolutely essential to guard the public against such as these, as well as to preserve the honor of the guild itself. So far as the public is concerned, it is necessary to protect

it from the wolves in sheep's clothing, from those who would prostitute their high office for the purpose of gain, from the ignorant and the untrained, from those who by reason of the lack of surgical judgment and skill are incompetent. The American College of Surgeons has been called into being as an active, vigorous, virile protest upon the part of the profession itself against this unhappy state of affairs.

"The public and professional minds should therefore be at once thoroughly disabused of any wrong impression that the College is to be run by any one man or set of men, or by or in association with any pre-existing organization for his or their personal gain or trust, no close corporation for the benefit of the few. It plays no part whatever in medical politics, it does not interest itself in the advancement of any corporation or group of individuals, nor in any special school or cult of medicine. It stands only for the good of humanity and the uplift of professional standards of morality and education."

Adjournment was followed by a reception of the Fellows and guests by the officers of the College and Sir Rickman J. Godlee.

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FELLOWSHIP PLEDGE

Recognizing that the American College of Surgeons seeks to develop, exemplify and enforce the highest traditions of our calling, I hereby pledge myself, as a condition of fellowship in the College, to live in strict accordance with all its principles, declarations and regulations.

In particular I pledge myself to pursue the practice of surgery with thorough self-restraint and to place the welfare of my patients above all else; to advance constantly in knowledge by the study of surgical literature, the instruction of eminent teachers, interchange of opinion among associates, and attendance on the important societies and clinics; to regard scrupulously the interests of my professional brothers and seek their counsel when in doubt of my own judgment; to render willing help to my colleagues and to give freely my services to the needy.

Moreover, I pledge myself, so far as I am able, to avoid the sins of selfishness; to shun unwarranted publicity, dishonest money-seeking and commercialism as disgraceful to our profession; to refuse utterly all secret money trades with consultants and practitioners; to teach the patient his financial duty to the physician and to urge the practitioner to obtain his reward from the patient openly; to make my fees commensurate with the service rendered and with the patient's rights; and to avoid discrediting my associates by taking unwarranted compensation.

Finally, I pledge myself to cooperate in advancing and extending, by every lawful means within my power, the influence of the American College of Surgeons.

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

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FOUNDERS OF THE COLLEGE
FROM MASSACHUSETTS

BEVERLY

Peer P. Johnson, 15 Washington Street

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John Bapst Blake, 657 Boylston Street . . . . . Surgery
John Taylor Bottomley, 165 Beacon Street . . . . . Surgery
Elliott Gray Brackett, 166 Newbury Street . . . . . Orthopedic Surgery
George W. W. Brewster, 99 Commonwealth Avenue . . . . . Surgery
Alice G. Bryant, 416 Marlborough Street . . . . . Oto-Laryngology
Hugh Cabot, 87 Marlborough Street
Henry Melville Chase, 409 Marlborough Street . . . . . Surgery
Arthur Lambert Chute, 350 Marlborough Street . Genito-Urinary Surgery
Farrar Cobb, 28 Commonwealth Avenue . . . . . Surgery
Ernest Amory Codman, 227 Beacon Street . . . . . Surgery
William M. Conant, 486 Commonwealth Avenue . . . . . Surgery
Frederic J. Cotton, 520 Commonwealth Avenue . . . . . Surgery
Eugene A. Crockett, 298 Marlborough Street . . . . . Oto-Laryngology
Emma V. P. B. Culbertson, 33 Newbury Street . . . . . Surgery
John Henry Cunningham, Jr., 46 Gloucester Street . . . . . Surgery
Hayward W. Cushing, 70 Commonwealth Avenue . . . . . Surgery
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Lincoln Davis, 217 Beacon Street . . . . . Surgery
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George S. Derby, 7 Hereford Street . . . . . Ophthalmology
Florence W. Duckering, 483 Beacon Street . . . . . Surgery
Joel Ernest Goldthwait, 372 Marlborough Street . . Orthopedic Surgery
W. P. Graves, 244 Marlborough Street . . . . . Gynecology
Charles Henry Hare, 483 Beacon Street . . . . Gynecology and Obstetrics
Francis Bishop Harrington, 201 Beacon Street . . . . . Surgery
Walter Clarke Howe, 303 Beacon Street . . . . . Surgery
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Frank H. Lahey, 638 Beacon Street . . . . . Surgery
Walter Brackett Lancaster, 101 Newbury Street . . . . . Ophthalmology
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Robert Williamson Lovett, 234 Marlborough Street . Orthopedic Surgery
Fred Bates Lund, 529 Beacon Street . . . . . Surgery
Samuel Jason Mixter, 180 Marlborough Street
George H. Monks, 67 Marlborough Street
Franklin S. Newell, 443 Beacon Street . . . . Obstetrics and Gynecology

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Richard Frothingham O'Neil, 379 Beacon Street . Genito-Urinary Surgery
Robert B. Osgood, 372 Marlborough Street . . . . . Orthopedic Surgery
Horace Packard, 470 Commonwealth Avenue . . . . . Surgery
Charles Allen Porter, 254 Beacon Street . . . . . Surgery
Edward Reynolds, 321 Dartmouth Street . . . . . Gynecology
Edward Pierson Richardson, 224 Beacon Street
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Charles Locke Scudder, 209 Beacon Street . . . . . Surgery
Channing Chamberlain Simmons, 317 Marlborough Street . . . . . Surgery
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Robert Soutter, 133 Newbury Street . . . . . Orthopedic Surgery
Myles Standish, 72 St. James Avenue . . . . . Ophthalmology
James S. Stone, 234 Marlborough Street
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Richard G. Wadsworth, 374 Marlborough Street . . . . . Gynecology
Hugh Williams, 301 Beacon Street . . . . . Surgery

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Harvey Cushing, 305 Walnut Street
Frederick Herman Verhoeff, 5 Euston Street

FALL RIVER

George L. Richards, 124 Franklin Street . . . . . Oto-Laryngology
Philemon Edwards Truesdale, 151 Rock Street . . . . . Surgery

SPRINGFIELD

Daniel J. Brown, 80 Maple Street . . . . . Surgery
Ralph H. Seelye, 73 Chestnut Street . . . . . Surgery

WESTFIELD

Frederick T. Clark, Parks Block . . . . . Ophth. and Laryngology

WORCESTER

Kendall Emerson, 37 Pearl Street . . . . . Orthopedic Surgery
Homer Gage, 72 Pearl Street . . . . . Surgery

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Transactions of the New England Surgical Society - 1916

INAUGURAL MEETING

In response to an invitation issued on January 17, 1916, the following surgeons, representing all New England States, assembled on February 5, 1916, at the Harvard Club of Boston, for the purpose of organizing a surgical society embracing a limited number of surgeons in New England:

Dr. Samuel J. Mixter Dr. Peer P. Johnson Dr. Charles A. Porter Dr. Halbert G. Stetson Dr. William P. Graves Dr. Fred B. Lund Dr. P. E. Truesdale	..... Massachusetts
Dr. William L. Cousins Dr. William H. Bradford	..... Maine
Dr. John B. Wheeler Dr. Lyman Allen Dr. Henry C. Tinkham	..... Vermont
Dr. Herbert L. Smith	..... New Hampshire
Dr. Edgar B. Smith Dr. John W. Keefe Dr. Arthur T. Jones	..... Rhode Island
Dr. John W. Churchman Dr. Joseph M. Flint	..... Connecticut

The meeting was called to order by Dr. C. A. Porter, and at once organized by the election of Dr. Samuel J. Mixter as President. Dr. Mixter, upon taking the chair, commented upon the aims and prospects of the new organization as follows:

"Gentlemen: I am very much honored by the office that you have

conferred upon me. Personally I am very glad to see the New England Surgical Society formed. I believe there is a place for it, although when the idea was first expressed it seemed to be doubtful, inasmuch as there already exists many surgical societies in and about Boston. The aims of this society, however, are more comprehensive. They have for their object a mutual intercourse, both scientific and social, among the surgeons of good standing throughout the New England States. When the surgeons of New England convene I feel that we can be assured of an instructive and profitable meeting, and, after all, the great value of medical meetings is to meet men, to know men, and to get their views. I have learned to attach great importance in apprizing the value of a medical paper, by hearing the paper read and knowing something about the personality of the author. Therefore, I believe that we can make this a very useful society. In the selection of members we must choose those who will be productive in adding to the social and scientific value of the organization. The New England Surgical Society is formed and I am very glad to be your first President.

"The next business is the election of a Vice-President and Secretary."

Dr. John B. Wheeler of Burlington, Vermont, was elected Vice-President; Dr. Philemon E. Truesdale, of Fall River, Massachusetts, was elected Secretary and Treasurer. The following were then elected as

members of the Executive Committee:

Dr. John W. Keefe ..... Providence, R. I.
Dr. Joseph M. Flint ..... New Haven, Conn.
Dr. Lyman Allen ..... Burlington, Vt.
Dr. Herbert L. Smith ..... Nashua, N. H.
Dr. William L. Cousins ..... Portland, Me.

The Constitution and By-Laws were presented, article by article, and adopted by the meeting.

Dr. Mixter suggested that the Society elect a list of honorary members. This was done and the following were chosen:

Dr. Walter P. Bowers ..... Clinton, Mass.
Dr. Edward H. Bradford ..... Boston
Dr. William H. Carmalt ..... New Haven, Conn.
Dr. George W. Gay ..... Boston
Dr. Frederic H. Gerrish ..... Portland, Me.
Dr. Seth C. Gordon ..... Portland, Me.
Dr. Arthur C. Heffenger ..... Portsmouth, N. H.
Dr. John W. Mitchell ..... Providence, R. I.
Dr. George H. Monks ..... Boston
Dr. Joseph G. Pinkham ..... Lynn, Mass.
Dr. Edmund H. Stevens ..... Cambridge, Mass.
Dr. Ferdinand A. Stillings ..... Concord, N. H.
Dr. Samuel W. Torrey ..... Beverly, Mass.
Dr. J. Collins Warren ..... Boston
Dr. Francis S. Watson ..... Boston

Respectfully submitted,

P. E. Truesdale, M.D.
Secretary

1916

The Board of Directors
Beverly Hospital
Beverly, Massachusetts

Subject: What the Staff should expect from the Trustees.

Primarily, the Staff have the right to expect that the Trustees should run their Hospital on the same basis of efficiency that they would run any other business. The same methods which make for success in business make for success in hospital administration. I cannot help but feel that if the ordinary hospital could be judged by the same standards that a factory or business is judged, it would be obliged to go out of business.

The same statement might be made of the average general practitioner. Fortunately, or unfortunately, as the case may be, in dealing with the sick, many errors of omission as well as commission, are rectified by kindly nature and so never recognized. Inasmuch as the ordinary trustee must of necessity, know but little of medical science, it would seem imperative that there should be a closer cooperation between staff and trustee, in order that each may better understand the problems of the other and so work for the greater advancement of the institution with which they may be connected. In this way also, the trustees would avoid taking steps which, in the judgement of the staff, would be detrimental to the best interests.

Certainly, above all things, the Staff have the right to expect and demand that vacancies in their number should be filled by men of ability and enthusiasm, men who can promote the scientific interests

of the Hospital, rather than by this man or that who may happen to hold the pulse of the rich and mighty; for a body of trustees to feel obliged to appoint such a man to the staff, merely for the monetary value he may have, is to violate a sacred trust. The same consideration as to the appointment of a staff member should exist as would pertain to the appointment to a position in an important business. The policy of laissez faire seems, on the whole, to be rather more prevalent among the small than the large institutions. But these institutions placed in the smaller cities have the same relative importance in a community, if not a greater one, and so should be governed by the same principles even if on a smaller scale, as the great institutions. A great institution is, after all, but a multiplication of the small, and a greater number of people in the aggregate are treated in these lesser hospitals than in the larger ones.

However, it has always seemed to me that one might present his idea of the up-to-date hospital by considering what the community has a right to expect from such a hospital.

The community has a right to expect that such a hospital shall be up to the minute in diagnosis and treatment, medically as well as surgically. The great mass of our smaller hospitals are neither. Patients are admitted to the care of an indefinite staff, with no assurance or likelihood that energetic measures will be taken to ascertain the solu-

tion of the complex problems which they present, or to apply more scientific methods of advanced treatment. Patients come and patients go, passing from one hospital to another as they do from one doctor to another, seeking relief from symptoms which are obscure and require an energetic employment of all modes of diagnosis. That they so often fail to get this is a reflection, not only upon the doctor, but upon the hospital. This means great economic loss to the community because patients unrelieved and thinking that they obtained skillful treatment have given up in despair and seek no further help. (Cite case of Mary Kiley.)

For a hospital to be up to the minute means that each patient who enters its doors should have a careful and painstaking history, and a careful and painstaking physical examination recorded, and this means an examination of the blood pressure, of the blood, functions of the kidney, and on the slightest suspicion, such further examinations as that of gastric contents, feces, Wassermann reaction, spinal fluid, fixation tests, use of the Xray for diagnosis of lesions of the pulmonary and alimentary tracts, as well as of bones.

To be up to the minute means that a hospital must be equipped both with men and apparatus for the carrying out of such investigations. Such investigations, requiring as they do, a great amount of time cannot, of necessity, be done in any great measure by the visiting

staff, whose principle function in such matters should be to initiate investigations and correlate conclusions. This means a liberal supply of internes.

To be up to the minute means also a well equipped Clinico-Pathological Laboratory and Xray Laboratory. These two laboratories are two of the most important departments of any institution and without them, no hospital today can pretend to do justice to its patients; and they must be in charge of one fully trained and competent to do the work well and draw sound conclusions. Again, the time entailed in doing this work, as well as the skill required, prevents its being done by the general staff. It is preferably done by a resident within the hospital.

But, however well equipped a hospital may be, its ultimate efficiency of course, depends upon the men who make up its staff. Such men should be chosen solely because of their ability, energy, and enthusiasm, and for no other consideration. On general principles, the smaller the number of the staff, the greater the degree of efficiency; while the small staff with a continuous service produces the highest obtainable degree of efficiency. Because of the great strides in our knowledge of medicine today, it becomes absolutely impossible for one man to be a master in both medicine and surgery. It becomes therefore, absolutely imperative that the work of the hospital should

be divided up amongst as many departments as may be needed. There must be then, a Medical and surgical Staff, with added staffs for the more important specialties, such as Orthopedics, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, etc.

The importance of the work of the internist cannot be overestimated, either from the standpoint of diagnosis or treatment; and to the internist should often be given the credit which now so often goes to the surgeon as a result of the early recognition of the serious surgical lesion and, vice versa, the medical man ought often to receive the opprobrium given to the surgeon because he has been called too late to render efficient assistance. So the medical department should receive equal recognition with all other departments and be given every opportunity to bring itself up to the highest degree of perfection. This can only be done by providing separate staffs and, as nearly as possible, the continuous service. And no valid objection can be raised to such a division of the work so long as efficiency is aimed at, and no institution which has not this aim, is worthy of the support or tolerance of the public.

As for the surgeon, if he makes himself a complete master of his art, he will have enough to occupy his attention without being distracted with other problems of the hospital. Surgical technique, per se, may be acquired with comparative ease but surgical judgement is

another matter. It can, in fact, only be acquired by diligent and thoughtful study of the patient from every angle, both before, during, and after operation. This requires a careful and accurate correlation of all the important and what may seem unimportant facts of the case, in order to exclude all possible sources of error and to reduce all unnecessary changes. It means, finally, the system of following up the patient to prove the correctness of the reason for surgical interference and the correctness of the surgical procedure itself. This will require an expenditure of more thought and energy than is customary in our hospitals, and especially in our smaller hospitals.

Now, if the staffs are small and the services are continuous, there is bound to arise an increasing enthusiasm and interest which will bring about the highest degree of efficiency. A baseball team is successful in proportion to its technical skill and judgement in the pinches, brought about by continuous training of many months. In no other occupation is it so important as in surgery that there be this high degree of technical skill and judgement, and the opportunity then, must be given for this same kind of continuous training. It would seem also, that the hospital would be best served by having chiefs of the various staffs, in order that they might be responsible for the character of the work of their departments, and might have the proper authority to initiate new procedures. At present, the work of the

hospital is apt to be more or less haphazard, with some men lagging far behind the others to the detriment of the welfareof the patient and the good name of the hospital.

There should also be a hearty and cordial cooperation between the various members of the same staff and the staffs themselves, as exemplified by frequent consultations and meetings for discussion of the work in hand. Inspiration and stimulation are obtained by visits to the various clinics and becoming familiar with the methods and the work of others. Nothing has quite so broadening an influence as these visits and they should be encouraged. It has seemed to me that the men of New England are much more backward in this matter than in any other section of the country.

--By Doctor Peer P. Johnson

From the files of:

Board of Directors
Beverly Hospital
Beverly, Massachusetts

March 16, 1916

Report upon the Beverly Hospital

to Mr. John L. Saltonstall, President.

The Superintendent, Miss Cushman, is a woman of ability and force. The work over which she has direct control is, I believe, well done. The buildings impress one as being well kept up and the grounds are neat and attractive. The general hospital administration is thorough and careful.

Like all general hospitals, and especially hospitals in small communities which have a voluntary staff, the difficulty lies in getting thorough work from its members. In a small city where the hospital does no teaching and consequently, the incentive to work is not great, it is not always easy to get men to serve. Because of this, they feel independent and the woman superintendent finds it difficult to enforce discipline and the rules laid down by the trustees.

I found at the Beverly Hospital that the records were not carefully written nor well kept up. The short, rapidly alternating services of the physicians and surgeons are not good for the hospital. There is a lack of continuity of planning and of care of the patients. On the surgical side it is difficult for the administration to provide the necessary service because the surgeons vary considerably in their demands and change service every two months.

I would make the following suggestions for improving the Staff service:

<u>Surgical</u>:

1. Continuous service of one man and his assistants who care for all the surgical beds through the year.

2. Divide the surgical beds in two and have a chief

of each surgical division who, with his assistants, would care for the patients in the beds of his division continuously throughout the year.

3. Divide the year in two six months' services and allow each surgeon and his assistant to have charge of all the ward beds for a period of half the year.

Medical: On the medical side it would be well to decrease the number of men upon the Staff, certainly to lessen the number who are equal in authority. Anyone of the three schemes recommended for the surgical side would apply to the medical. Perhaps it would be wise to wait and not fill vacancies as they occur rather than to create any feeling by dropping men from your Staff.

Anyone of the plans outline above is superior to the present system. The success of any plan depends primarily upon getting the right men to execute it. Frequently a bad scheme with good men is better than a good scheme with bad men.

Eventually it will probably be necessary to have a small staff with continuous service to care for the ward patients and it will be necessary to pay these men. I think we are hardly ready to pay our staffs yet.

Records

I would recommend that a stenographer be provided to take the dictation of the physicians on their private cases and write the records; that her further duties shall be to check up the records when they are turned in to the office and call the attention of the house officers and Staff to important omissions or errors; that she shall be responsible under the Superintendent, for the proper custody of the records, their proper indexing and binding.

Private Rooms

I would recommend that they continue as now, to allow any reputable physician, a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society, to have a patient in a

private room, but to make this privilege conditional upon his observing carefully the rules of the hospital, among which rules shall be the one that he shall supply the hospital with a careful record made out upon the hospital form.

It must be understood that all records are in the care of the Superintendent, that the records of the private patients are confidential and open to the inspection of certain people only, for instance, the chairman of the Board of Trustees, the Superintendent, and the doctor in charge of the patients. It must be possible for the doctor to feel sure of this confidential nature of his records, or in some cases, you will not be able to get him to write records on his private patients.

The Superintendent

I would recommend that the Superintendent be encouraged to visit other hospitals of a similar character and larger wherever she feels that she can get helpful suggestions, that she be sent to meetings of the American Hospital Association each year, and that the hospital pay her expenses.

A hospital like the Beverly Hospital should, first of all, be efficient. This should be obtained in as economical a way as possible but efficiency should never be sacrificed to economy.

The Rhode Island Hospital has an interesting method of paying any deficit. I think it may perhaps be applicable to your hospital.

This hospital has a list of guarantors of the expenses, in other words, people on this list make up the deficit annually in as far as what they have guaranteed to pay will go. You take a certain sum and say to a guarantor that up to that amount, fifty dollars for instance, he may be called upon each year, that he will not be called upon for more than fifty dollars, and it may be less, according to the number of guarantors and the size of the deficit. I think that

you could get such a list in addition to your annual subscribers.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederic A. Washburn, M.D.
Director
Massachusetts General Hospital

C O P Y

From the files of:

Board of Directors
Beverly Hospital
Beverly, Massachusetts

March 31, 1916

Mr. J. L. Saltonstall
President, Board of Directors
Beverly Hospital
Beverly, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Saltonstall:-

In reply to your request for suggestions as to how the efficiency of the Hospital may be increased, I would say that I believe a Chief of Staff is of the utmost importance. He should, of course, have a continuous service and should be paid. It seems unreasonable to expect a big man to shoulder the big responsibility of a hospital service and not expect to pay him for it.

Our Hospital has been most fortunate in having a man who has given willingly of his time, strength, service and even money. In fact, we all must admit that it is due largely to his untiring efforts that the Beverly Hospital is what it is today.

That Dr. Johnson is a surgeon of unusual ability is hardly necessary to mention. The facts, as they present themselves to me, are that he is too able a surgeon for the size of the community and unless we take some measures to hold him, we are going to lose him. This in my opinion, would be a calamity to the people of Beverly in general, and to the Beverly Hospital in particular.

Very respectfully yours,

R. E. Stone, M.D.
Secretary
Beverly Hospital Staff

C O P Y

From the files of:

Board of Directors
Beverly Hospital
Beverly, Massachusetts

October 3, 1917

Mr. Allen Curtis
33 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Curtis:

I find that when the Hospital was organized the property was conveyed to the new Corporation by Dr. Torrey, and this conveyance was made

> "subject to the following condition, which shall be construed strictly but shall remain in force only so long as the land is owned by the within grantee, that the premises shall be used for a hospital, and that no physician shall be allowed to attend a patient in said hospital unless said physician be a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society."

At the same time the Corporation in a separate instrument made a covenant that

> "no physician shall be allowed to attend any patient in said hospital unless said physician be a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society."

In 1903, probably in connection with our wish to sell the old Hospital site on Central Street, we arranged with Dr. Torrey to release the condition so that we might get good title to the property.

But I find that in this release it was stated that it was not intended to affect in any way the covenant.

The net result is that we are subject to an agreement with Dr. Torrey not to allow any one to practice in the Hospital unless he be a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society.

Yours very truly,

C O P Y

From the files of:

Board of Directors
Beverly Hospital
Beverly, Massachusetts

March 31, 1916

To the Directors of the Beverly Hospital:

At a special meeting of the Staff, held March 28, 1916, the Secretary was directed to send a report of said meeting to the Directors.

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 P.M., Dr. Sears in the chair. Those present were: Drs. Sears, Shatswell, Johnson, Hill, Swan, Warren and Stone.

Dr. Sears stated that the object of the meeting was to discuss and take some action on the report of Dr. Washburn. All freely agreed to what he said about the Superintendent and about the records.

The matter of services was discussed at length, the concensus of opinion seeming to be that a continuous surgical service was more essential than a continuous medical service. The argument being that a medical man was constantly keeping himself in training by his outside work, whereas a surgeon did very little surgery when off duty.

In order to get a definite feeling on the different plans suggested by Dr. Washburn the matter of Surgical Service was voted on by ballot, with the following result.

Plan One -	Four votes
Plan Two -	Two votes
Plan Three -	One vote

Medical Service

Plan One	One vote
3 Months' Service	Two votes
4 Months' Service	Four votes

To the Directors of the Beverly Hospital: (2)

It was moved and seconded and unanimously voted that a stenographer be employed for assisting with the records.

Moved and seconded and unanimously voted that one of the requisites for treating private patients be that complete records be kept.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. Stone, M.D.
Secretary
Beverly Hospital Staff

C O P Y

From the files of:

Board of Directors
Beverly Hospital
Beverly, Massachusetts

June 19, 1916

Mr. Roland W. Boyden, Secretary
60 State Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Boyden:-

After due deliberation, I have decided to accept the appointment as Chief Surgeon to the Beverly Hospital provided the position is what its name seems to imply, which is that I should have full charge of the Surgical Staff with power to make whatever disposal of the work as may seem to best serve the interests of the Hospital and regardless of whether this meets with the full approval of my associates.

In order that the new arrangement may be a success, it seems to be absolutely essential that this power should go with the appointment. Failing this, I should, of course, be obliged to decline it. You will understand, of course, that I do not wish to use this power in an arbitrary way and will do everything to the best of my ability to make the work harmonious for each member of the Staff.

Very respectfully yours,

Peer P. Johnson, M.D.

C O P Y

1916

SURGICAL REPORT

To the President of the Board of Trustees:

During the year there were admitted to the surgical service 884 patients, of whom 596 were operated upon for a total of 759 operations. There were 37 deaths, 13 of which followed, at varying intervals, some surgical procedure. This gives an operative mortality of 2.18 per cent., which would seem to be unnecessarily high, but on looking at the appended causes of death, it will be seen that but one of these deaths followed an operation of choice. The remainder were after operations for, as a rule, very serious emergencies, often accompanied by grave degenerative changes. Three of the deaths were due to pulmonary embolism, an entirely unavoidable complication.

The shortage of house officers renders difficult both the keeping of records and the study of cases in the wards. As it is the policy of the service to perform no operations, other than emergencies, without a period of study, many patients are obliged to remain unnecessarily long, thus diminishing the number of available beds.

More rooms for isolation of patients and a convalescent ward would be desirable additions to our facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Peer P. Johnson, M.D.

From the files of:

Board of Directors
Beverly Hospital
Beverly, Massachusetts

Subject: Giving Out Hospital Records

April 26, 1916

Miss Alice C.S. Cushman
c/o Beverly Hospital Corporation
Beverly, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Cushman:-

Through Mr. Saltonstall, I looked up the practice at the Massachusetts General Hospital with reference to giving out Hospital records.

They charge one dollar for every record. They require a written application from the patient, whenever the patient or the patient's attorney wants the record.

Whenever the opposing attorney wants a record, he is required to state in writing his official connection with the case, and the record is then furnished him; but whenever the record is furnished to the opposing attorney, all the personal history which is not connected with the case is omitted. Roughly speaking, I suppose this means that the patient's statement as to how the injury occurred is omitted, and only the medical history and medical treatment left.

I should think we might adopt this practice for ourselves and that it would not be necessary for you to refer such matters to me, unless in some special case you have doubts as to something or other. It occurs to me that you might not be clear as to just what to make an opposing attorney say to you. If he says he is counsel in a suit brought by his client against the patient, or in a suit brought by the patient against his client, that is easy. The doubt would

come where no suit has been brought and they are merely getting ready for a possibility. Most of these cases will be requests in behalf of corporations which have regular accident departments, and I think you will be able to get a letter stating enough to show that you are dealing with responsible people who have legitimate reason for the inquiry; and that is the main point.

Will you please give me your judgment as to whether the fee should be one dollar or fifty cents.

In connection with the above, it occurred to me that it would be a good idea to have any record which we furnish initialed by the doctor who was in charge of the case. This naturally leads me to the suggestion that it would be a mighty good thing if we had a rule that every doctor should read over and sign the hospital record of every one of his cases within so many days after the discharge. Would not such a rule make them feel their responsibility for the records and so result in much greater care?

Yours very truly,

Peer P. Johnson, M.D.

C O P Y

From the files of:

Board of Directors
Beverly Hospital
Beverly, Massachusetts

Subject: Appointing a third house officer

February 23, 1917

President of the Board of Directors
Beverly Hospital
Beverly, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:-

The Committee on House officers has forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of Directors the names of two doctors for appointment as interne.

In connection with this, I should like to suggest that you consider at your coming meeting, the advisability of appointing a third House officer. I have been making this suggestion for several years and I still consider that it is a good one. Even two House officers cannot satisfactorily do all the work which is required of them and which should be done. Practically all of the House officer's morning is given up to making visits with the various physicians, with assisting at operations, so that practically no time is left in the morning for taking histories, or doing various laboratory examinations, and often much time is taken up in the afternoon with seeing friends of the patient. The patients are also kept waiting much longer than should be in order that various investigations may be made. This is often unsatisfactory to the patient, and to the patient's physician and, theoretically at least, an added expense to the Hospital. Any attempt made to get this work done more promptly is met by the statement that "there is too much work to be done", and I believe that this is a fact. Unless a change is made, therefore, our efficiency and our records must suffer. Incidentally, I live in a constant turmoil trying to get my work done

and looking after a great many details which do not and should not belong to me.

In addition, I should like to suggest if, as seems likely, the plans for the Laboratory have to be abandoned, some provision be made for housing our House officers on the grounds of the Hospital. In accordance with your proposition the other night, I believe that a "take-down house" could be put up close to the operating pavilion and so equipped as to be warm in winter, and provide suitable toilet facilities, and look after three or four men. It is very desirable that some arrangement like this should be made in order that the men should be kept together and alternate the services at night.

I trust that your Board will take favorable action on both of these propositions.

Most sincerely yours,

Peer P. Johnson, M.D.

C O P Y

From the files of:

Board of Directors
Beverly Hospital
Beverly, Massachusetts

Subject: Dr. Johnson's enlisting in the Service

June 8, 1917

Mr. Roland W. Boyden, Secretary
60 State Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Roland:-

Thank you for forwarding the letter from the Secretary of War.

I feel that I must come to a show down on what I am to do. Perhaps it would be a good plan for you and Saltonstall and Pope to get together with me and decide definitely what you expect me to do. I had made all my plans, of course, to go and, further, of late I have become very desirous of going. I think some arrangements could be made by which men who are unable to go could look after the work at the Hospital and, in fact, I have a tentative plan to that effect should it meet with the approval of the Directors. I do not, however, wish to take any steps which, in your opinion, are unfair to the Hospital. I therefore feel that it is my duty to allow you to decide what I shall do. Should you, after considering the matter from all points of view, decide that I must refuse a commission when offered me, I shall endeavor to submit gracefully to that decision. It will give me some pain, however.

Very cordially yours,

Peer P. Johnson, M.D.

C O P Y

From the files of:

Board of Directors
Beverly Hospital
Beverly, Massachusetts

Resolution

RESOLVED: Dr. Peer P. Johnson, Chief Surgeon of the Hospital, has now been absent on leave for military service since August 1917. The Hospital has not begruded this great sacrifice though it has recognized that it involved very distinct loss to the efficiency of the Hospital itself, as well as a very decided hardship upon the community.

Believing that conditions are now such as to make this sacrifice unnecessary, the Directors urge upon Dr. Johnson the importance of making every effort to secure his discharge and return to his work here; and urge upon such superior officers as may have it in their power to further our request the desirability of substituting for Dr. Johnson, in his present service, someone who, though competent, may not be so important and even indispensable a factor in his home community.

A TRUE COPY of Resolution passed by
Board of Directors of the Beverly
Hospital Corporation on _____
day of February, 1919.

Attest

_____
Acting Secretary.

C O P Y

From the Files of:

Board of Directors
Beverly Hospital
Beverly, Massachusetts

Subject: Laboratory

January 5, 1919

Board of Directors of the Beverly Hospital:

I wish to call your attention to the conditions in the Laboratory.

At the present time and in fact for the last six months at least, the work at the Laboratory has been far beyond the power of one individual. Dr. Bogan works long hours, Sundays and holidays as well as week days. I think that you will find that the members of the Staff will testify that she is always to be found on her job and very accommodating. That her work has been carried out under a severe handicap, will be apparent to anyone who is willing to investigate the situation impartially. I recommend that she be provided with assistance. This could be arranged by the employment of a young woman who could be taught to do a great deal of the Laboratory routine work, thus leaving Dr. Bogan free for more important matters.

In all military hospitals and I think in all civil hospitals, the laboratory department is considered of equal importance with the other professional services. Certainly, no hospital can even make a pretense of providing proper treatment for its patients without the assistance of the laboratory. I believe also, that it is customary to give the heads of the laboratory departments the same standing as the other professional departments, subject only to necessary nominal supervision of the superintendent. It must be apparent that the ordinary superintendent of a hospital is not competent to interfere with the internal workings of the laboratory.

Board of Directors of the Beverly Hospital: (2)

I certainly trust that the Board of Directors will take action to relieve the present unsatisfactory conditions in our Laboratory in order that we may be able to retain the services of Dr. Bogan. It would be very difficult to find one competent and willing to do the Xray as well as the Bacteriological and Pathological work. It is proper to say that her work on the whole, is satisfactory and probably of as high an order as we could expect on the average.

I apologize for bringing this matter to you personally as it would better have come through the Staff. Their meeting, however, is not until tomorrow which would make it too late to get early action.

Very respectfully yours,

Peer P. Johnson, M.D.

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